



Solon Township Summer 2014

Solon Township Kent County 15185 Algoma Ave. Cedar Springs.

From the Supervisor: Robert Ellick

I hope you are all enjoying your summer so far. We survived the polar vortex and are entitled to a beautiful summer season. In township news, the board has received numerous complaints regarding blighted properties in the township. While we have been working with the owners of the properties to bring them up to

code, we continue to inspect the properties to measure the progress. The past few months have seen personnel changes at the township offices. Long time zoning administrator, Tony Kruithoff passed away in May. We have secured the services of Al Richard. He has stepped right in and really been a huge asset to the township. Also

Heather Zenker, township treasurer resigned at the end of April and the board appointed Art Gerhardt to complete her term. Art is gaining a good understanding of finances and the property tax billing cycle.

If you haven't stopped by the offices please make plans to do so. Happy Trails, Bob.

OFFICE HOURS 9-5 MON-WED.

696-1718
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- Phone numbers you may find handy.
 - Non-Emergency Fire Department 696-0020
 - Emergency 911
 - Township Hall 696-1718
 - Kent Co Sheriff Northern Kent Co. 616-678-4072
 - North Kent Transfer Station 616-866-5070
 - Kent County Treasurer 616-632-7500
 - DNR 616-456-5071
 - DEQ 616-356-0030
 - Kent County Road Commission North 696-3160
 - 63rd District Court Rockford 866-1576
 - Animal Control and Shelter 616-632-7300
 - John Ball Zoo 616-336-4300
 - Kent County Parks 616-336-7275
 - Michigan State Police Rockford 616-866-4411

Treasurer's Corner: Art Gerhardt

Hi, my name is Art Gerhardt. As your new treasurer, I am looking forward to serving all the township residents. The summer taxes may

be paid at the new township hall in person Monday through Wednesday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. There is an after hours mail slot at the en-

try doors of the township hall. You may also pay taxes online for a fee at solontwp.org and click on the online payment link.



Fire Department Millage Request: by Fred Gunnell

The August 5th ballot includes a 1/2 mill (.5) increase to be used for fire department purpose. The Fire Department has not had a specific millage for operations and

staffing in several decades. Currently, the department is faced with increased costs for new equipment for the fire fighters' use and protection, plus increases for repair and replacement of major opera-

tive tools to suppress fires. Solon Township Fire Chief Jeff Drake will be happy to answer any questions about the department's operation. You may call 696-0020 or email fire@solontwp.org.

Solon Township Market open for business Vicky Babcock

Are you looking for something to do during your summer hours? Solon Market, in its fifth year, is going strong! It offers produce and baked goods, livestock, flowers, crafts and flea market items, giveaways and events. For a calendar of events, check out Solon Market's Facebook page or pick

up a flyer at our Township Office. The Market is still free to vendors. Hours are 8AM until 1PM every Saturday through October. For more information, contact our market manager at 616-696-4227. See you at the Market!

From the Clerk's Desk MaryLou Poulsen

The Solon Park Planning Committee has started the process to build an area for relaxation and recreation for township residents. You are welcome to attend committee meetings to keep up on their progress and offer your input-watch for the dates on our website or

posted at the hall.

Solon Firefighters have been busy renovating the old township hall for use as a training facility in addition to offices for the Fire Department. We look forward to seeing the finished product by summer's end.

Remember to vote in the upcoming August 5th primary and Nov.4th general election. Precinct 1 voters will vote at the Fire Station on 19 Mile Road. Precinct 2 voters will vote at 15185 Algoma Ave. the new township hall.