

# **OLON TOWNSHIP – SUMMER 2015 NEWSLETTER**

**Solon Township, Kent County 15185 Algoma Ave Cedar Springs, MI 49319**

**Office Hours Mon-Wed, 9a-5p**

## **FROM THE DESK OF SUPERVISOR: ROBERT L. ELICK**

As I contemplate about Solon Township I realize that with the amount of growth taken place here in just the last 25 years the township has moved away from the rural atmosphere, having lived in the township all of my adult life and spending a lot of my youth here I find this troubling in some ways in other ways, it's just a sign of the times with development and growth that the Township Board and the Planning Commission and residents have to deal with as we try to keep the character as close to the roots of the community as possible and accept the changes that are occurring .

The Board has put in place a parks committee and we are looking forward to some development of a walking trail, ball field and pavilions on the property surrounding the New Town hall which was paid for in full in August of 2014.

Just a couple of reminders trash, garbage, tires, scrap metal and unlicensed vehicles are not outside yard ornaments and should be taken to the dump. Zoning and Building and Electrical permits are required for construction of all swimming pools and structures in the Twp.

Have a safe summer. Happy Trails.

## **CLERK'S CORNER: MARY LOU POULSEN**

Solon Township has contracted with Creative Solutions to design and install a new township website. If you have any suggestions for township information you would like to see online, please call the office or email them to: [clerk@solontwp.org](mailto:clerk@solontwp.org).

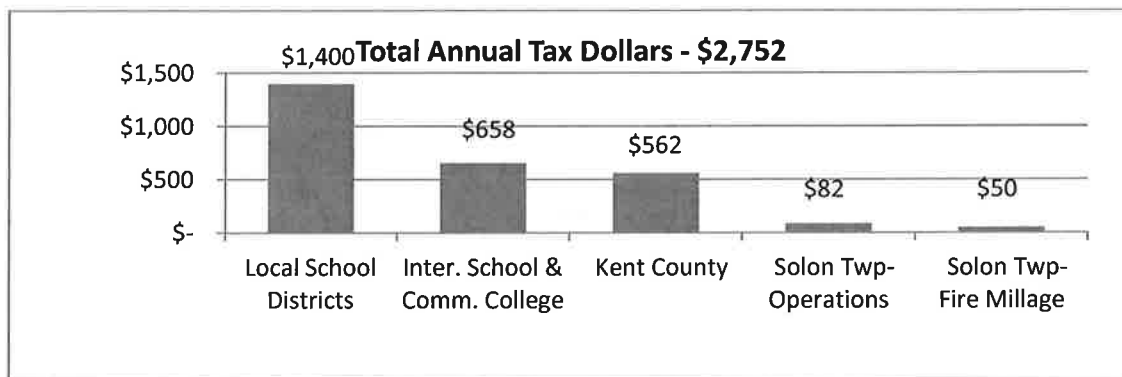
The Solon Township Park Committee continues to gather public input on the design of a neighborhood park to be located on township property just west of the township hall. A Master Plan and 5 year Recreational Plan will be brought before the township board for approval in the coming months in preparation to apply for a grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. This grant will allow the township to add facilities to the park in phases. Residents are encouraged to visit the township office to check out the proposed design and share your ideas. Progress will be shared on our website and facebook pages also.

## Treasurer's Corner: Art Gerhardt

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 entry doors of the township hall. You may also pay online by going to [www.solontwp.org](http://www.solontwp.org) and using the link to OFFICIAL PAYMENTS.

### WHERE DO MY TAX DOLLARS GO?

**THE 2015 MARKET VALUE OF A TOWNSHIP RESIDENCE OF \$200,000, HAS A TAXABLE VALUE OF \$100,000 AND GENERATES AN ANNUAL TAX BILL OF \$2,752**



## SOLON FARM MARKET:

Have you checked out the Market lately? Solon Market, in its sixth year, continues to provide free events, free giveaways, free set-up and free parking! Our new hours are Saturdays from 9AM until 1PM. Events include our Christmas in July—July 11, the popular Dog Daze Pet Expo—August 15 and Bootacular—October 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will be closed July 4 and October 3 (Red Flannel Day). Come to Market for produce, baked and canned goods, livestock, flowers, crafts and flea market items. Check out our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Solon-Market>) for Market Giveaway dates and other events. "Like" us for up-dates. For more information, contact our market manager @ 616-696-1848. See you at Market!