



Marilla Township

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Newsletter

July 2022

Logo & Signage

Marilla Township has adopted a new logo as part of helping folks recognize the unique resources of our township. Our new reusable township clean-up signs displayed the logo well. Additionally, we have new signage for the Township Cemetery and new posted rules there as well.

Marilla Township Clean-up 2022

The annual Marilla Township Cleanup Day was an astounding success this year. 90 yards of trash and 30 yards of scrap metal were collected. Thank you to all who participated and especially to Trustee Bruce Bahr for arranging and this year's event. A big thanks to our community volunteers as well: Mike Picchiotti, Chris Bahr, Neil Crawford, Jayson and Misty Cudney.

New Ordinances

This year, the Planning Commission and Township Board worked diligently to review and clarify our Zoning Ordinances. New amendments have been adopted. A new, stand-alone Nuisance Ordinance has also been adopted and the Zoning Administrator and Planning Commission will be taking steps towards working with property owners to ensure that they are in compliance with these ordinances

helping to keep our township looking great.

The new Zoning Amendments and Nuisance Ordinance will be posted on the township website under the Resident Resources tab for your review.

Tax Time

(SUMMER TAX DUE DATE)

September 14, 2022

**September 14th office hours will be 9am-5pm.*

Regular office hours are on Tuesday from 10am-2pm or by appointment. Please call the office @ 231-362-3555 on Tuesdays with any questions.

Reminder:

Marilla Township does NOT accept postmark dates as timely delivery of taxes. Please mail out your payment early enough to allow for postal delivery so to avoid late fees.

Thank you.

Camie Bay, Treasurer

cbay@marillatownshipmi.gov

ARPA Funding Projects

The Township Board has been making some initial investments in infrastructure improvements with funding from the American Rescue Plan Act. Repairs are being made in

the Township Hall, we've invested in our website and email systems to bring us up to speed, and we are looking at other projects to improve infrastructure and public safety

Cemetery Committee News

The cemetery committee has new rules being posted for all residents to follow. Some of these are continuations of the rules that were in place with some clarifications provided and reviewed by our insurer and attorney. Here they are: Our cemetery is monitored. Please observe the following guidelines to help maintain our cemetery:

- ◇ Water is provided for cemetery use only and is not potable.
- ◇ Trash receptacles are only to be used by cemetery patrons and Marilla Township. No depositing of household trash is allowed.
- ◇ No biodegradable items such as soil, dead plants, or raking refuse may be placed in the trash receptacles. Please place it within the designated gated location at the southeast wooded area.
- ◇ All items must be placed at the sides of the gravestones so that they do not interfere with mowing. All artificial flowers can be placed beginning May 1st. They will be removed by October 15.
- ◇ "Joyriding" on township property involving any motorized vehicle is not permitted.
- ◇ Planting of shrubs or trees on or near gravesites are not permitted.

Please contact township officials when problems are noted that need attention. Thank you for observing these guidelines.

Master Plan Renewal

The Marilla Township Planning Commission will begin focusing on the required, regular revision of the Township Master Plan beginning this October. To be involved you can check out the website and Planning Commission meetings are posted and open to all residents. The Township Board will be seeking bids for a professional planning organization to support our process in the coming months. This process is required every five years by Michigan Statute.

Election Volunteers Wanted

Looking for a way to be involved? Marilla township will be hosting an Election Inspectors training for certification in the beginning of July 2022. Training will also be available by Zoom if preferred. Certification is valid for two years. Interested persons do not need to be Marilla Residents to be certified. We welcome newcomers and old timers alike.

Please contact Township Clerk, Misty Cudney at mcudney@marillatownshipmi.gov or by calling 231.362.3555

Remember

Stay connected and find up to date information, forms, community calendar, available township positions, etc. or ask questions and provide feedback by visiting our website: www.marillatownshipmi.gov