



# Newsletter

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## Marilla Township Needs You!

Have a special skill or ability you can share? Good at gardening, weeding, concrete work, or cleaning and organizing? Any small township like ours requires dedicated volunteers to keep things running smoothly. Community Service is an essential need, and, through the years, our Township has benefitted greatly from individuals and families taking pride in making keeping our Township a great place to live and thrive. Currently we are creating a database of names and skills to match up with volunteer opportunities. Please call or email Township Manager Misty Cudney and let her know how you may be able to help. 231.362.3555

## Marilla Township Clean-up 2024

38 residents participated in the annual Township Clean up this year, filling dumpsters and a huge garbage truck with debris. Some even made donations to support the effort as it is not an insignificant investment in our beautification efforts.

We continue to invite community members to attend meetings and help to make Marilla the best rural place to live in Manistee County.

Clean-up day for **2025** will be the second Saturday in June, which is **June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025**, from 8:00 a.m. until noon. Please bring proof of residence.

## Planning Commission

Planning Commission meetings are open to the public and their work determines the Master Plan for the township. The Commission recently completed a complete updating of the Township Master Plan and it is available to residents through our website or by contacting the Township Clerk, Misty Cudney. Meetings are now quarterly and are open to the public. Please check the website for meeting dates or the notice board at the Township Hall.

## ORV Ordinance Approved

Marilla Township joins many other Manistee County Townships in adopting an ORV ordinance this spring. You can find the rules and expectations on the Township website.

## Board of Review

Dates for the Board of Review for the remainder of 2024 are **July 16<sup>th</sup>** and **December 10<sup>th</sup>**. Meetings are normally held at 1:00 p.m., but please check the Township Website or the announcement board at the Township Hall closer to those dates.

## New Signage

The Township Board, in collaboration with the Marilla Historical Society, will be erecting new signs at our Hall. Look for them soon!

## Have you heard of Code Red?

No, not the soda. It is an emergency call/text service that you can now sign

up for. Many residents expressed concern last year when the fires were all around us. This service is available to help spread the word when significant events happen. Being rural, this is a relief to have for all ages.



CodeRED allows users to receive emergency notifications as well as weather alerts right on their phone. Sign up for it here:

<https://www.manisteecountymi.gov/205/CodeRED-Emergency-Notifications>

### **Tax Time**

**(SUMMER TAX DUE DATE)**

**September 16<sup>th</sup> 2024**

Treasurer Office hours are on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or by appointment. Please call the office @ 231.362.3555 on Tuesdays with any questions.

Summer tax season open hours with the Treasurer are from 9:00-5:00 p.m. Treasurer, Camie Bay, will be in the office on Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-5:00.

### **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.

Camie Bay, Treasurer  
[cbay@marillatownshipmi.gov](mailto:cbay@marillatownshipmi.gov)

### **Need to call the Township Office?**

231.362.3555

Come visit us! You have an opportunity to explore the Marilla Museum & Pioneer Place on Tuesdays from 1:00-4:00 year-round. From May through October, open hours are 1:00-4:00 on Saturdays. Visit our website at [www.marillahistory.org](http://www.marillahistory.org) to keep up with our learning opportunities and ways to get involved. We have items for sale in person or through the website that include local botanical prints and numerous books, including the book "Marilla: The Woods, The Farms, The People" written by local Marilla historian Jan Thomas, a lifelong Marilla Resident. This book is a must for you if you live in Marilla! We also have our locally created Marilla Township Cookbook, a great resource from local cooks. The MHS recognizes the years of dedication and countless hours and heart that Jan and Bob Thomas have contributed to both the MHS and Marilla Township through many years of service. Jan and Bob recently retired from the Board of the MHS and Jan as the Museum's Director. She will stay on as a volunteer as the MHS Archivist. The following new officers were elected: Douglas A. Glick, President  
Lynda O'Shea, Vice President & Clerk  
Alissa Aparicio, Treasurer  
Susan Vegter, Trustee  
Maureen Carlson, Trustee  
Terry Howes, Trustee

**Marilla Historical  
Society**