



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP Newsletter

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Results of General Election

There are 2,333 registered voters in Jefferson Township, 1366 of those voters voted in the General Election. A total of 58.5 %. The total number of people to vote in Hillsdale County was 62.35%.

In Jefferson Township Proposal I on gambling received 568 yes votes and 643 no votes.

Proposal II on marriage received 802 yes votes and 409 no votes.

Sharon Keiser has been voted in as our new Township Clerk and Barbie Keiser as our new Trustee on the Township Board. Come to a Township meeting and meet them. Steve Wismar, Supervisor; Jim Lockwood, Treasurer; and Lynn Schrom, Trustee were re-elected.

At our November 9th Township meeting Steve Wismar, Township Supervisor, presented a decorated cake saying Thank You to Joyce Cox, Trustee, and Mark Marino, Clark, at their last meeting on the Township Board.

Pittsford Jefferson Fire Department

Our firemen are paid \$12 for each fire run they go on whether they are there 5 minutes or all day. They are paid this \$12 a run once a year in October. Before Mark Marino left office he printed the checks and they were distributed to our firemen.

Our fire Department applied for a federal grant last March and has received \$30,000. When applying for the grant they had to state exactly what that money would be spent on. The firemen have been measured and there are 21 full sets of turn out gear on order which will cost the \$30,000.

We have a new fireman on the fire department, Michael Pidd, and 2 more applications are out for new men to join.

Pittsford Township has not fulfilled their obligation set forth in their contract with the Pittsford Jefferson Fire Department. Pittsford's contract with the Fire Dept states they owe \$7,500 by July 1st for the truck fund which Pittsford said they couldn't pay this year, plus \$12,500 due in April. They paid \$10,000 in July and another \$2,500 in October but still have not paid the other \$12,500 due in October.

This year when "funds" are low for Christmas Presents -why don't we - instead of buying gifts or giving money—WE GIVE OUR FRIENDS AND LOVED ONES A LITTLE OF OURSELVES; such as: an afternoon visit; a few hours of baby sitting, away from home for a brunch or lunch, a game of cards or just reminisce.

JUST REMEMBER THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS!

**Don't Forget to come to our next Jefferson Township Meeting
Tuesday December 14th at 7:30 PM at the Jefferson Township Hall
at 2837 Bird Lake RD**

Winter Taxes

Winter Tax bills have been sent out. If you haven't received yours then contact Jim Lockwood at 523-3165. The last day payment can be made to the township is Feb. 28th. All mail received after Feb 28th will be turned in delinquent. The following is the collection schedule for winter taxes:



Friday, Dec 3, 2004	9 am to 1 pm
Friday, Dec 10, 2004	9 am to 1 pm
Friday, Dec 17, 2004	9 am to 1 pm
Thursday, Dec 30, 2004	9 am to 5 pm
Saturday, Feb 12, 2005	9 am to 1 pm
Monday, Feb 14, 2005	9 am to 1 pm
Monday, Feb 28, 2005	9 am to 5 pm



If you are unable to pay in person you can mail your payment or drop it in the overnight box next to the front door of the Township Hall.

What's New In Jefferson Township?

- The Transfer Station is now accepting hard and soft covered books.
- The doors at the Jefferson Township Hall have been painted.
- The plaque honoring Betty L Wirick for the many years of service given at the Jefferson Township Recycling Station is up now; above the office door. Notice it the next time you go to the Transfer Station.

Proposed Master Plan

At the October Township Board Meeting The Proposed Master Plan was tabled indefinitely. The MCRCG presented the Township Board with a petition stating " We the undersigned Citizens and Residents of Jefferson Township, Hillsdale County in the State of Michigan do hereby instruct the Township Board of Trustees to cease and desist any further activity and or expenditures toward adoption of a Land Use Plan and do hereby further instruct the board to disband the Jefferson Township Planning Commission." This petition was signed by 500 people. These people believed it was a fore runner of zoning. John Lama, Township Planning Commission Chairman, stated that the proposed Master Plan is valuable information and it's really an inventory of what we have in our township.

Even though the master plan will not be adopted, copies of the final version will be available at a printing cost by contacting Sharon Keiser at 523-3165 at the Township Hall.

Pittsford Library

The Library now has new hours. Due to low usage between 5:00-5:30 on Tuesday and Thursday, the library will no longer continue their later hours. The hours at the library will be :

Tuesday & Thursday 11:00-5:00
 Wednesday & Friday 12:00-5:00
 Saturday 10:00-12:00

The Library is now in the process of compiling a cookbook. If you have not submitted any recipes, and would like to do so, please have them in the library no later than December 18th.

The library is collecting quart-canning jars. The Friends of the Library will be making cookies in a jar, to sell for a Christmas fundraiser. If you are interested in ordering, please call the library at 523-2565 or you may call 567-8648, and leave a message. Also, the Friends are selling fleece scarves for \$10.00. You may choose 2 different colors to have sewn together, they have all of the school colors.

Roads

Jefferson Township spent a total of \$113,894 on road projects with the road commission in 2004, including \$22,920 on gravel roads, \$82,072 on asphalt paving and \$8,902 on culverts. The Jefferson Township Board will be meeting with the road commission in January to plan road projects for 2005.

A year of busy road projects in the township concluded in September with the replacement of a small, narrow, old steel bridge on Nichols Rd at the Bird Lake outlet. County road commission crews replaced the one lane bridge with anew corrugated steel pipe arch culvert. The gravel roadway was raised and widened for two lane traffic. This crossing is much safer for motorists and drainage has been greatly improved.