



# JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP Newsletter

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## Pittsford Jefferson Fire Department

The Pittsford Jefferson Fire Department billed for 165 runs so far this past fiscal year (April 1, 2004– March 31, 2005). If everyone paid their bill that would have brought into the fire department \$32,702.00. Unfortunately only about 50% of the people paid their bills, bringing in only \$16,860.00.

This means our firemen are trying to operate under a very limited budget. A new fire truck is needed. Last year the Medical First Response Vehicle (MFR) needed to be replaced. With no money for funding, the firemen agreed to pay for a 1993 Ford E-350 type III Diesel ambulance out of their fund raising money in a loan from the Jefferson Township Board. The loan was a 10 year loan at no interest. This year the firemen stated that they weren't making enough money in fund raising and would like to give up \$2,000 of their wages each year to pay off the loan. ( Our firemen get paid \$12 every time they go out on a fire run, no matter whether they are there 5 minutes or all day.)

We had a new resident of Jefferson Township come into the Township Hall and donate \$100 toward the truck fund hoping other people in the community would also donate so the firemen wouldn't need to give up their pay. The Jefferson Township Board also felt that the firemen should not give up their pay and at the Jefferson Township Budget Meeting, March 14, 2005, the Jefferson Township Board voted unanimously to forgive the rest of the loan.

Residents still need to be responsible and pay their bills. This money goes toward running our fire department. Without funds some of the alternatives could be paying taxes through a millage to run our fire department or not having a fire department here, and having a fire department come from farther away to put out your fire. When your house is on fire, or your life is on the line every second counts.

**We need to support our fire department and our firemen!**

## Meetings In Jefferson Township

- The Pittsford Township Board, Jefferson Township Board, and Pittsford Jefferson Fireboard met March 9, 2005 at 7:00 pm at the Jefferson Township Hall to approve the proposed budget for the Pittsford Jefferson Fire Department for the 2005-06 fiscal year.
- On March 14, 2005 at 9:00 am the Jefferson Township Board met for settlement Day to formulate the budget for the 2005-06 fiscal year and to balance the budget for the 2004-05 fiscal year.
- The Annual Budget Hearing meeting will be March 28, 2005 at 7:00 pm at the Jefferson Township Hall.
- The next Fireboard meeting will be March 24, 2005 at 6:00 pm at the firebarn in Pittsford.
- The next regular Jefferson Township Board meeting will be Tuesday April 12, 2005 at 7:30 pm at the Jefferson Township Hall. Public Welcome.

Easter will soon be here –March 27th

As we celebrate in the usual way—Let us hope and pray that there will be—

Peace all over the World.

May we keep in mind those soldiers serving our country and pray for a successful completion of our mission and for their safe return.



## Pittsford Library

The Pittsford Library is having an ongoing book sale. All books have been donated to the library; therefore, they are selling the books for donation only. What you feel the book is worth is what you can donate to them. Your help in getting rid of overflow would be much appreciated.

The Pittsford Public Library summer reading program theme is Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds. The program will start June 14th and end July 26th. Each child will be required to read 10 books or have 10 books read to them. The party will be held July 30th.

Story hours at the library will be June 22nd and June 29th, July 13th and July 20th. They will start at 10:00 and run to 11:00. Stories, songs, crafts and a snack will be furnished by the library. Children from the age that can sit still on up are more than welcome.

The Friends of the Pittsford Public Library would like to welcome any new members that are interested in the library. We meet once a month, day and time varies, but all are welcome to come. Please call the library at 517-523-2565 for more information when The Friends will be meeting again. Our hot chocolate sales were a success! Thanks for all who purchased and enjoyed!

## New Transfer Station Hours

STARTING APRIL 1, 2005 THE JEFFERSON RECYCLING CENTER WILL BE OPEN:

MONDAY FROM 8 AM TO 5 PM

ONLY UNTIL OCTOBER 1, 2005. THEN HOURS WILL BE AS BEFORE—MONDAYS 8 AM TO 12 NOON

THE HOURS ON SATURDAY REMAIN THE SAME ALL YEAR:

SATURDAY 8 AM TO 5 PM

## Jefferson Township Cemeteries

The new By-laws & Regulations are printed.

If you want, or have need of a copy, please call the township clerk, Sharon Keiser at 523-3165, or stop in and request a copy when the township hall is open.

Let's keep the cemeteries neat looking. If artificial flowers and etc. are left on graves the sexton will remove and dispose of them during April 1st to 30th.

## Snowmobile Drivers

Snowmobile drivers—please drive on your own property, or ask owners permissions. The snowmobiles can do a lot of damage to lawns, flowers, and etc.

## New Road Work

The Jefferson Township Board met January 6, 2005 with the Hillsdale County Road Commission to discuss which roads may be worked on in the 2005-2006 fiscal year. The Jefferson Township Board made this decision at their Annual Budget Meeting March 14, 2005.



1. 2000 cyd of gravel patch will be put on roads at a cost of \$6,500.00.
2. two applications of 23% mineral well brine will be applied to gravel roads for dust control at a cost of \$16,740.00
3. Bear LK RD from Doty to Lake Pleasant Rd—Clear and grub spot berm & ditch install drainage structures, place small gravel fills apply 3 inch of processed gravel erosion control at a cost of \$35,775.00
4. Skuse RD— from Bird LK Rd east— 2" recap at a cost of \$33,200.00
5. Gilbert RD—from Skuse to Reading RD—sealcoat, paver patch, add shoulder gravel at a cost of \$8,736.25

This was turned over to the Hillsdale County Road Commission for the final approval. Jefferson Township will spend a total of \$100,951.25 in 2005-06 on roads.

## New voting Machines

HILLSDALE COUNTY IS HOPING TO HAVE THEIR NEW VOTING EQUIPMENT FOR THE MAY SCHOOL ELECTIONS. EVERYONE WILL BE GETTING THE SAME NEW OPTICAL SCANNER STATE WIDE. VOTERS WILL VOTE ON A PAPER BALLOT. WHEN THEY ARE DONE VOTING, THE BALLOT WILL BE INSERTED INTO A BALLOT COUNTER AND A TABULATOR THAT HAS THE ABILITY TO ALERT VOTERS TO OVERVOTED RACES AND UNDERVOTED OR BLANK BALLOTS. IN THE EVENT OF OVERVOTED AND UNDERVOTED SITUATIONS, THE BALLOT CAN IMMEDIATELY BE RETURNED TO THE VOTER TO BE CORRECTED.

BY THE 2008 ELECTIONS ALL PRECINCTS WILL ALSO HAVE THE AUTO MARK, A BREAK THROUGH IN BALLOT-MARKING TECHNOLOGY THAT ALLOWS VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES AND OTHER SPECIAL NEEDS TO MARK A BALLOT PRIVATELY AND INDEPENDENTLY WHEN USING AN OPTICAL SCAN VOTING SYSTEM. THE MACHINE IS DESIGNED FOR VOTERS WHO ARE VISION-IMPAIRED, OR HAVE A DISABILITY OR CONDITION THAT WOULD MAKE IT DIFFICULT OR IMPOSSIBLE TO MARK A BALLOT IN THE USUAL WAY.