



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP Newsletter

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"Working Together To Build A Better Community"


Primary Election Results

There was a 26% turnout for the primary election on August 3rd. As a result of that election we now have two new individuals on the Jefferson Township Board. One has been elected into the Clerks position, Sharon Kieser, and the other position is trustee Barbie Kieser.

So now our board consists of Steve Wismar Supervisor, Jim Lockwood Treasurer, who both ran unopposed and Lynn Schrom who was reelected.

Don't forget the November 2nd election to determine the course of our country for the next 4 years. If you need an absentee ballot for the election please contact Mark Marino at 523-3165.



 **Jim Lockwood Honored**
Jim Lockwood was honored for 15 years service as an elected official. He was presented an American Flag that was flown over the US Capital. Keith Brown, aide to Nick Smith did the honors at the regular Township Meeting on August 11, 2004.

Pittsford Jefferson Fire Dept.
We now have Tom Halleck, a new fire chief at the Pittsford Jefferson fire department. Tom took over as chief in July.

At our August Township Board meeting the Board passed Resolution 4-2004 commending Patrice Hudson, Betty Spahr, and Jeff Anspaugh for outstanding work on writing a successful FEMA Grant. The Pittsford Jefferson Fire Department received \$32,000 from this FEMA Grant which will be used for new turnout gear for our firemen.

Fall is coming so don't forget to get your burn permits before burning leaves and/or brush. A burn permit is free by calling 911 and asking for a burn permit. If caught burning without a permit, you could receive a bill of \$500 for an illegal burn.

Junkyard Resolution Repealed
At the August Township Board meeting the board voted unanimously to repeal the junkyard resolution dated May 11, 1981. The Board believes the State of Michigan's Junkyard ordinance is enforceable. Junkyard complaints can still be directed to Steve Wismar Township Blight Officer at 523-3165.

Summer Taxes Due

Don't forget that your summer taxes are do by Tuesday, September 14th. Jim Lockwood Township Treasurer will be at the township hall from 9 am to 5 pm on September 14th. Julie Tucker Township Assessor will be there from 9 am to 2 pm if you have questions or concerns.



NOTICE—SCHOOL IS IN SESSION NOW—WATCH OUT FOR CHILDREN—LARGE AND SMALL

Our next Township Board Meeting will be Tuesday, September 14th at 7:30 pm at the Jefferson Township Hall. Public Welcomed.

Proposed Master Plan

The Planning Commission will be presenting the REVISED proposed Master Plan to the Jefferson Township Board at their regular township meeting Tuesday, September 14th at 7:30 pm at the Township Hall. Once the township board approves the document for distribution, the Planning Commission will take comments on the proposed plan for not less than 75 days or more than 95 days "Noticing Window" as is required by statute. At the conclusion of this comment period the Commission will review all comments and suggestions as they pertain to the Plan, and then schedule a Public Hearing before the Plan can be approved by the commission and set to the Board for adoption. Anyone requesting a copy should contact the Township Clerk, Mark Marino, at the Township Hall at 523-3165.

Jefferson Township Road News



As this road report is written on the last day of August, 5 of the 6 road projects have been completed that Jefferson Township signed to perform with the county road commission in 2004.

Gravel patching was performed in May on various gravel roads throughout the township using 2,500 cubic yards of gravel at a township cost of \$6,564.

Mineral well brine was spread on the gravel roads twice this summer on May 28 and August 19 at a township cost of \$16,356.

Two asphalt paving projects were completed this summer. Skuse Road between M99 and Lake Pleasant Road was resurfaced on June 24th at a township cost of \$12,216. The reconstruction of Rumsey Road between Reading Road and M34 was finally completed with a new asphalt pavement on July 6th at a township cost of \$69,856.

Heavy maintenance work was performed repairing deteriorated concrete on the old concrete arch culvert that runs under Beecher Road west of Black-bridge Road at a township cost of \$1,813.

The final project is scheduled to begin after Labor Day. County road crews will replace the narrow old steel bridge on Nichols Road over the Bird Lake outlet with a longer corrugated metal culvert. This will allow for a wider roadway and some drainage improvements. The estimated township share of this culvert project is \$9,900.

All in all, Jefferson Township will spend about \$116,700 in 2004 to improve the local roads in your township.

Pittsford Library News

The Pittsford Public Library is slowing down after a very busy summer. The summer reading program was successful with 80% completing their ten books that they needed to read to come to the party at the end of July. Once a child has read 10 books their name goes into a drawing if they read 20 books, then their name goes in the drawing twice. Receiving the T-shirts this year were Read-To-Me, Autumn Cramer, Readers, Wesley Grubbs and receiving a tote bag for the Teen group, Jessica Ruder. At the party the children received a book, book bag, pencil, pop. Hot dogs, chips, finger jello and cookies were served. The children and adults made orange sherbert in a bag for a special treat.

The library will have new hours starting September 7th. On Tuesday and Thursday the library will again stay open until 5:30 pm for a three month trial period. If not used enough during that time to justify staying open then they will go back to closing at 5 pm.

The library has started Friends of the Library. We will be meeting this month on September 18th at 8:00 am at the library. All are welcome to join us.

On November 23rd the library will be making pizzas for their fundraiser. Orders need to be into the library by November 13th.



**Plan on going to the
Hillsdale County Fair**

Recycling reminder— Don't forget to recycle.

The transfer station is open Saturday 8 am to 5 pm

Monday 8 am to 5 pm through September 27th.

Starting October 4th they will close at 12 pm on Mondays until next spring.

Please observe signs as to where recycling items go.

