



Richfield Township Newsletter – Summer 2017
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The Supervisor's Desk

* Greetings from the Supervisor's office.

* **ORV'S** – ORV's shall travel on the far right of the maintained portion of the road., at a speed of no more than **25 MPH** or lower if posted, by a person not less than 12 years of age, if less than 16 years of age must be under direct visual supervision of an adult and in possession of a Michigan issued ORV safety certificate and ride with flow of traffic in single file. **25 MPH STRICTLY ENFORCED!!** Please be courteous – tread lightly respect private property.

* **Land Use Permits** – Richfield Township is a zoned community, Land Use Permits are required for most projects Contact the Zoning Administrator @ 989-389-4994 before starting your next project.

* **Grass Ordinance** Reminder Ordinance #59 requires homeowners and occupants to not allow tall grass or weeds to grow over 10" tall. It shall be unlawful for the owner and/or occupant of any lot or parcel of land to which this ordinance applies to allow or maintain upon any portion of such lot or parcel any growth of tall grass or weeds as defined herein, or to permit the deposit or accumulation upon any portion of such lot or parcel of land, of any brush, yard debris, dead vegetation, or cut grass or weeds so as to create a nuisance due to unsightliness, an unhealthy or unsafe condition, or traffic hazard, or fire hazard. Growth of grass to a length greater than ten (10) inches shall be considered to be a nuisance for the purposes of this section.

* Your Board continues to strive to provide you quality services while spending your tax dollar in the most prudent manner possible.

Jimmy Van Wormer

The Clerk's Corner

Thank you to those who help out in the community. Your volunteer efforts help make St. Helen into "Saint Heaven" for many. Is it your turn to help??

Come visit your "own backyard" this summer. Richfield Township offers access to beautiful Lake St. Helen with two parks on West Airport Road; the Boat Access Site – with a \$5 per day boat launch fee or \$10 yearly fee for residents and landowners (\$20 for nonresidents and non-owners), with swimming, boating, and a handicap accessible fishing pier and the Cove Park, with a larger swimming area and volleyball and play areas. The Bluegill Festival was held June 15-18 this year. The Fireworks were July 2nd. The St. Helen ORV Jam is August 11, 12, and 13th. The Ogemaw Game Refuge is always great fun for kids of all ages. The Ogemaw County Fair is August 15-19th. The Fireman's Memorial Festival September 14-17th. The Free Red Pine Natural Area walking trail (by Kirtland Campus) is only a few miles away.

Household Hazardous Waste Day is the day after Memorial Day and Labor Day at the Roscommon County Road Commission. Bring your tires and batteries and hazardous materials.

Pam Scott, Clerk & Nancy Fisher, Deputy Clerk

The Treasurer's Coffers

** **Reminder:** Your July Tax Bill is less and your Winter Tax Bill will be higher. Houghton Lake and Roscommon School districts have chosen to have their school taxes collected on the Winter Bill. The same is true for Kirtland College and COOR. The yearly total for your taxes are not affected by this.

** **Partial Tax Payments:** Our office would be happy to allow you to break up your tax bill by making smaller payments from July 1st, 2017 through September 14th, 2017. Taxes must be paid in full by September 14th, 2017 to avoid penalties and interest.

** **Summer Deferments:** If you are a senior citizen or a disabled person, you can ask for a summer deferment for your taxes on your principal residence. Just contact the Treasurer's Office for the form.

** **Credit Card Payments:** We continue to accept credit card payments for taxes at our office or online at www.richfieldtownship.org. A 3% convenience fee is charged.

** **Self-addressed Stamped Envelope:** If you mail your tax payment into our office and wish to receive a receipt, you must include a self-addressed stamped envelope. Thank you so much!

** **Address Changes:** Please notify the Treasurer's Office with any address corrections regarding your tax bills.

** **Dog Licenses:** Dog Tags will be sold in our office starting November 1st.

Have a safe and blessed summer! 😊

Kacey Lacey, Treasurer & Deb Romancky, Deputy Treasurer

Trustees in Action

I love our town and look forward to helping this Board make St. Helen a continued destination to be proud of. We are the Off-Road Capital of Michigan and we need to be proud of that! It is also important that we take care of our patrons and citizens.

Gary Milner, Trustee

Your Board continues to serve this community by spending your tax dollars in the most judicious manner possible. It is my pleasure to continue to serve you!

Merritt (Mickey) Huntley