

# SCIOTA TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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2006

Sciota Township Board meetings are held at the Sciota Township Hall, 3990 Leland Road, (at Bennington) the second Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

Township residents are always welcome and encouraged to attend and provide your Board with input.

## Township Board 2004-2008

Phillip Matthews, Supervisor  
651-5387

Nancy Koerner, Clerk  
651-5540

Eric Schuman, Treasurer  
651-5788

Norma Lee, Trustee  
651-5457

William Thelen, Trustee  
989-834-5313

## Township Assessor

Ron Goetschy  
517-323-4489

## Board of Review

David White  
Vaughn Vondrasek  
Clyde Casler

## Planning Commission

William Thelen, Chair  
Floyd Koerner  
Phillip Knapp  
David White  
Kim Palmer

[www.sciotatownship.net](http://www.sciotatownship.net)

## IT'S SUMMER TAX TIME

We are in receipt of the certification of the levy for the State Education Tax from the State Treasurer pursuant to Section 5 of Public Act 331 of 1993.

Enclosed you will find your 2006 summer tax bill which includes the State Education Tax (SET) and 2/3 of your county taxes as well. Yes, this means they will be a tad higher than last year.

Again, save yourself time and gas, and pay by mail. I have enclosed a mailing label for your convenience. **Simply, tear off at the perforation on the top third and send that along with your check, and keep the lower half as your receipt along with your cancelled check.** To pay your Summer Tax Bill, please use the enclosed label and send your check or money order, made out to "Sciota Township Treasurer", to:

7928 Tyrrell Rd.  
Laingsburg, MI 48848-8720

Your township treasurer will accept tax payments most any time he is home by appointment. All you have to do is call Treasurer Eric Schuman at 651-5788 (or email him at [sciotatreasurer@aol.com](mailto:sciotatreasurer@aol.com)) to arrange a time and day. Some reminders for you:

- You may pay for multiple parcels on one check
- There is a \$25.00 fee for all returned checks
- Please remember, taxes may be paid between July 1 and September 14, 2006, without penalty
- Taxes paid after September 14, 2006, will have 1% interest added per month to the amount due which **MUST** be paid in full
- Summer taxes are paid to the Township Treasurer until February 28, 2007
- Taxes paid March 1, 2007 and thereafter, **MUST** be paid to the County Treasurer and will include penalty and interest fees

While the treasurer is required by law to keep specific office hours, he will be available to collect your taxes most other times too. It would be best, however to call first to make an appointment so as to be certain of his availability. The required date will be **September 14, 2006 (9am – 5pm)**, or by appointment by calling 651-5788.

## CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE

If you have not done so yet, why don't you check out our website ([www.sciotatownship.net](http://www.sciotatownship.net)). There lots of useful information there. If you'd like to see anything added to it, let us know that also. It's your township website!

### SUMMER TAX DEFERRMENT

Michigan law states that beginning September 15<sup>th</sup>, a 1% interest per month may be applied to any unpaid summer tax bills. These summer tax bills may, however, be deferred without penalty until February 15<sup>th</sup> if you qualify.

To qualify for the deferment, you must certify that your gross household income for the preceding calendar year did not exceed \$37,500 and that you qualify for the deferment provided for in the General Property Tax Act based on one of the following classifications:

1. If you are 62 years of age or older including unmarried surviving spouse of a person who was 62 years of age or older at the time of their death
2. If you are a paraplegic or quadriplegic
3. If you are an eligible serviceperson, eligible veteran, eligible widow or widower
4. If you are a blind person
5. If you are a totally and permanently disabled person

You can also qualify for the deferment if you certify that your property, which is classified or used as agricultural real property, and that the gross receipts of agricultural or horticultural operations in the previous year (or average of 3 years) is not less than your household income for the preceding calendar year.

All deferment forms must be filed with the Township Treasurer by September 14, 2006.

The Treasurer has deferment forms available if you do not have them. You can also download the form from our website. To contact the Treasurer for a form, simply call 651-5788 and he can mail them to you. The township's website is [www.sciotatownship.net](http://www.sciotatownship.net). You can also email the Treasurer at [sciostatreasurer@aol.com](mailto:sciostatreasurer@aol.com) to request the form.

**DON'T FORGET TO  
RECYCLE!**

### FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERVISOR

We had the road choride applied in May. Bennington Rd. will have a asphalt cap applied this summer from Leland Rd. to Shaftsbury Rd. which will complete the resurfacing of Bennington Rd. in Sciota township.

The driveway tube was put in place in May for the new parking lot across the road from the township hall, and we plan on the grading and gravel being done in time for the summer elections.

Parker Rd. and Garrison Rd. are to receive a coat of gravel this summer from Leland Rd. to Meridian Rd.

Our land use plan update was completed in May as required by the state.

We have a new member on the planning commission. Kim Palmer was appointed in April. We also wish to thank the others who took time to apply.

Your township is running smoothly.

Phillip Matthews  
Sciota Township Supervisor

### LBA HOSTS ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Laingsburg Business Association is hosting their annual Pancake Breakfast on July 29, 2006 from 8am to 11am. Also held on this day, in conjunction with the breakfast, is the Classic Car Show and a Business Expo. This year there's also a pizza eating contest.

The Laingsburg Business Association encourages all residents to go down and enjoy the fun, have a great breakfast, and look at all the old classic cars that are on display as well as checking out some of our member's products and services that will be on display at the Business Expo.

If you need any further information about the event, check out the LBA's website at [www.laingsburg.biz](http://www.laingsburg.biz) or contact Eric Schuman at 651-5788.