

SCIOTA TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

Summer
2007

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
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William Thelen, Chair
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David White
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ASSESSMENT NOTIFICATION

Enclosed with this newsletter is also your notification of the roads assessment renewal hearing which will be held at the hall on August 13 at 7:15 p.m. The roads maintenance special assessment, if passed, will be \$50 per year for 10 years.

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 2007 summer tax bill which includes the State Education Tax (SET) and your county taxes as well.

Again, save yourself time and gas, and pay by mail. **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) 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, 2007 without penalty
- Taxes paid after September 14, 2007, 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 29, 2008
- Taxes paid March 1, 2008 and thereafter, **MUST** be paid to the County Treasurer and will also include a delinquent 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, 2007 (9am – 5pm)**, or by appointment by calling 651-5788.

SUMMER TAX DEFERMENT

Michigan law states that beginning September 15th, 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 15th if you qualify.

To qualify for the deferment, you must certify that your gross household income for the preceding calendar year did not exceed \$40,000 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, 2007.

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. You can also email the Treasurer at sciostatreasurer@aol.com to request the form.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

We are OVER 2,000 hits now on our township's website. Our residents are using it for forms, minutes, announcements, etc. If you have suggestions for it, please tell us.

FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERVISOR

I've got good news, bad news on the Grand River/ Colby Lake roads intersection problem. The Road Commission estimates the cost of \$140,000 to rebuild it. Yes, you read it right - \$140,000.

They advised me that they can apply and try to obtain for us a safety grant to help pay for the intersection rebuild. The cost mentioned above would take our complete township roads budget for a full year.

For our people that live in this area, would you folks send either the Clerk or myself a note or an email on your opinion. We'd like to know if you want to rebuild this corner relevant to the cost for our township.

Remember, this is your township and your tax dollars so we're very interested in receiving as much feedback as possible on this issue so we know what YOU want us to do.

Phillip Matthews
Sciota Township Supervisor

LBA HOSTS ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Laingsburg Business Association is hosting their annual Pancake Breakfast on July 28, 2007 from 8am to 11am. Also held on this day, in conjunction with the breakfast, is the Classic Car Show and a Business Expo.

The Laingsburg Business Association encourages all residents to go downtown 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 or contact Eric Schuman at 651-5788.

Ya'll come down and enjoy the day!!