

SCIOTA TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

Summer
2008

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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Nancy Koerner, Clerk
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651-5788

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Board of Review

David White
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David White
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SUMMER TAX TIME - NOTE MINOR CHANGES

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 2008 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 the TOP THIRD at the perforation, 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" and mailed 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 15, 2008 without penalty (9/14 is a Sunday)
- Taxes paid after September 15, 2008, 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, 2009
- Taxes paid March 1, 2009 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 Treasurer has selected **September 15, 2008 (10am - 2pm)** to be available to pay summer taxes, or by appointment by calling 651-5788.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Since this is a major election year, here are some dates you need to be aware of. The last day to register for the August Primary is July 7, 2008. The primary is to be held August 5th, 2008 at the township hall.

The last day to register for the November general election is October 6, and the general election is on November 4, 2008 at the township hall also.

You can register at the home of the clerk, at the county clerk's office, or at any Secretary of State office. To vote, you will need to have photo ID with you or you can sign an affidavit stating you do not have one.

I hope to see everyone both at the August and November elections.

Nancy Koerner, Clerk

SUMMER TAX DEFERMENT

Michigan law states that beginning September 16th, due to the 14th being a Sunday, 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 15, 2008. The Treasurer has deferment forms available if you do not have them. You can also download the form from our website on the "Ordinances, Policites & Forms" page. To contact the Treasurer for a form, simply call 651-5788 and he can mail it to you. The township's website is www.sciotatownship.net. You can also email the Treasurer at sciotatreasurer@aol.com to request the form.

HI-SPEED INTERNET IS HERE

Verizon DSL is coming to the 'burg. Part of it is online now with the rest coming by 8/1. Specials are being offered for internet access service, and for "bundling" other services (Verizon land line, wireless, and/or DishNetwork satellite service).

Check if your number is eligible at their website (www.verizon.com) and then click on the "internet" button in the upper right corner, but wait till after 8/1 so the system is completely online.

FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERVISOR

Here we are, another round of summer taxes. For other good news, your township will soon have high speed internet from Verizon.

We have decided to postpone any more chip sealing until it is proven to hold better than last year's sealing.

For gravel projects, there will be gravel applied to roads that were covered prior to 2004. I would like to keep up this pace so every road is covered every 4 years. No asphalt this year because of costs.

Your grounds at the hall, cemetery, and parking lot all look very good. If you choose not to vote, come and see your new voting machines any way (please vote and be heard).

As always, we have room for you at the township hall meetings every month and encourage you to come. It is your township after all and your board wants your input.

Phillip Matthews
Sciota Township Supervisor

LBA PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Laingsburg Business Association is AGAIN hosting their annual Pancake Breakfast on July 26, 2008 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.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

Our website now has OVER 2,730 hits. Our residents are using it for forms, minutes, announcements, etc. If you have suggestions for it, please tell us.

Keep up to date with what's happening in the township, and view it often. There's also email addresses available for your township officials and others.