



Sumpter Country Times



SUMPTER TOWNSHIP

From The Supervisor - Johnny Vawters

To: The Residents of Sumpter Township
From: Johnny Vawters, Your Twp. Supervisor

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year 2010! It's been a while since the last Newsletter & I would like to take this time and bring you up to date.

Property Sale:

At the Township regular Board Meeting held on Feb. 9th. The Board agreed to my recommendation to enter into a Purchase agreement to sell the Township owned property at the Southeast Corner of Willis & Sumpter Roads, known as the old Gas Station & Fire Hall Property to Joe Nassar for \$40,000.00. This sale is based on Mr. Nassar to have **all Permits & Plan Reviews in place and to start construction within 1 year.** If Mr. Nassar fails

to live up to the agreement **the Property Reverts back to the Township & a \$7,500.00 fee will be deducted from the \$40,00.00.** While the price of \$40,000.00 might seem low, we had to take consideration the down economy the State is in, and how little Development we have had in the Township in the last 10 years. When you add in all the **Fees for Site Plan Reviews, Building Permits, Water Tap Fees, Inspections, and Sewer Tap Fees,** it could very well exceed over **another \$100,000.00 in Revenue to the Township.** During discussions with Mr. Nassar (owner of the Clark Gas Station on Sumpter & Hull Rds.) he plans to build a **Market with Fresh Meats, Vegetables, and a Pharmacy.** My Staff will be working with Mr. Nassar to help everything go smoothly.

Demolition of Dangerous Buildings/

Homes:

I have listened to the Residents who have Concerns about the Blighted, Desolate Homes in the Township. The **Deputy Supervisor Craig Moody** along with our **New Building Official Larry Goodman** is currently working on **Demolishing 9 Dangerous Homes / Buildings by Summer.** These Demolitions will **not cost the Township any money,** it is being **Funded Completely with Community Development Block Grant Funds.**

Rubbish Pickup Complaints:

After Rubbish Complaints dropped off for a while they started picking back up again the last few months, my Deputy met with the top officials of Republic Waste and let them know that **we will not tolerate bad service to our residents.** Since that meeting Republic Waste has hopefully fixed this problem by **adding an Extra Day (Tues.) to the Pickup Schedule.** There is a **Map & some information included in this Newsletter showing who will be affected.**

I hope this Information is useful & as always **my door is always open** to listen to your Concerns. So until next time, may **God Bless Sumpter Township & it's Citizens.**

Sincerely,
Johnny Vawters

BOARD OF REVIEW

Property owners will be receiving their property tax assessment the last week in February
This document will inform the taxpayer of the 2010 assessed and taxable value.
It is very important to review this document.
Taxpayers have the right to appeal their assessed value at the March Board of Review.
Also, the March Board of Review will accept Hardship Exemptions

for the 2010 tax year.
The Sumpter Township Board of Review will be at the Sumpter Township Hall
Located at 23480 Sumpter Rd
March 2, 2010...9 am to 11:00 am
Organization Meeting
March 9, 2010 .. 9 am to 4 pm
March 10, 2010 ...5 pm to 9 pm
March 11, 2010... 9 am to 4 pm

Please call (734) 461-6201 ext 229 for appointment.

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From The Clerk — Clarence J. Hoffman, Jr.

Did you know that if you have a complaint about your Comcast cable and are not able to resolve it with their customer service you have another source to help you. The MPSC (Michigan Public Service Commission. www.michigan.gov/mpsc. If you do not have access to the Internet then you can write, call or fax: Michigan Public Service Commission, Attn: Video Franchising, 6545 Mercantile Way, Lansing, MI 48909. Phone: 866-552-7725 - Fax: 517-241-2400. We can not help you with your Comcast bill. The phone number to Comcast is 888-266-2278, the reason our number is on the bill is because we are the franchise community.

The township garbage collection company is Republic Waste 1-877-264-5544. Starting April 5, 2010 some areas will have a new pick up day. The schedule is available at the clerk's office and also in this newsletter. You must have your rubbish can out to the road by 6 am on your scheduled pick up day. If you have a large item call Republic Waste for a special pick up. If you do not know when your day is call the clerks office 734-461-6201 ext 222. If you are cleaning your garage and need to take a load to the landfill the times are Wednesday afternoons from 2pm to 5pm and on Saturday morning 6:30 am to 12 noon. You must show proof of residence (drivers license) with a Sumpter ad-

dress.

You can access the township web site for all the meeting minutes. Also if you wish to e-mail the clerks office our address is sumpter-clerk@comcast.net.

The regular township board meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm. The planning commission meetings are held quarterly on the 2nd Thursday of the quarter at 7:00 pm. The following dates are the holidays that the township offices will be closed for the 2010 year: January 1 & 18, February 15, April 2nd & 5, May 31, July 5, September 6, October 11, November 11, 25 & 26, December 24 thru Jan 2, 2011. If you have any questions feel free to call the clerks office at 734-461-6201 x 222.

If you are interested in being on the list to work at an election, stop by the Clerks Office and fill out an application. Township hours are Monday thru Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Emergency numbers 24 hours for police, water & sewer are 911 or (734) 461-6898.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Sponsored by:

**Wayne County Department of Public Services
(734) 326-3936**

Saturday, March 27, 2010—8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Redford Public Services

12200 Beech Daly Road

(South of I-96)

Examples of Acceptable Items

- Household paints, stains, dyes
- Floor wax, floor care products, carpet cleaner
- Furniture polish, bathroom cleaners, stain removers, solvents
- Pharmaceutical Waste (**NON-CONTROLLED**

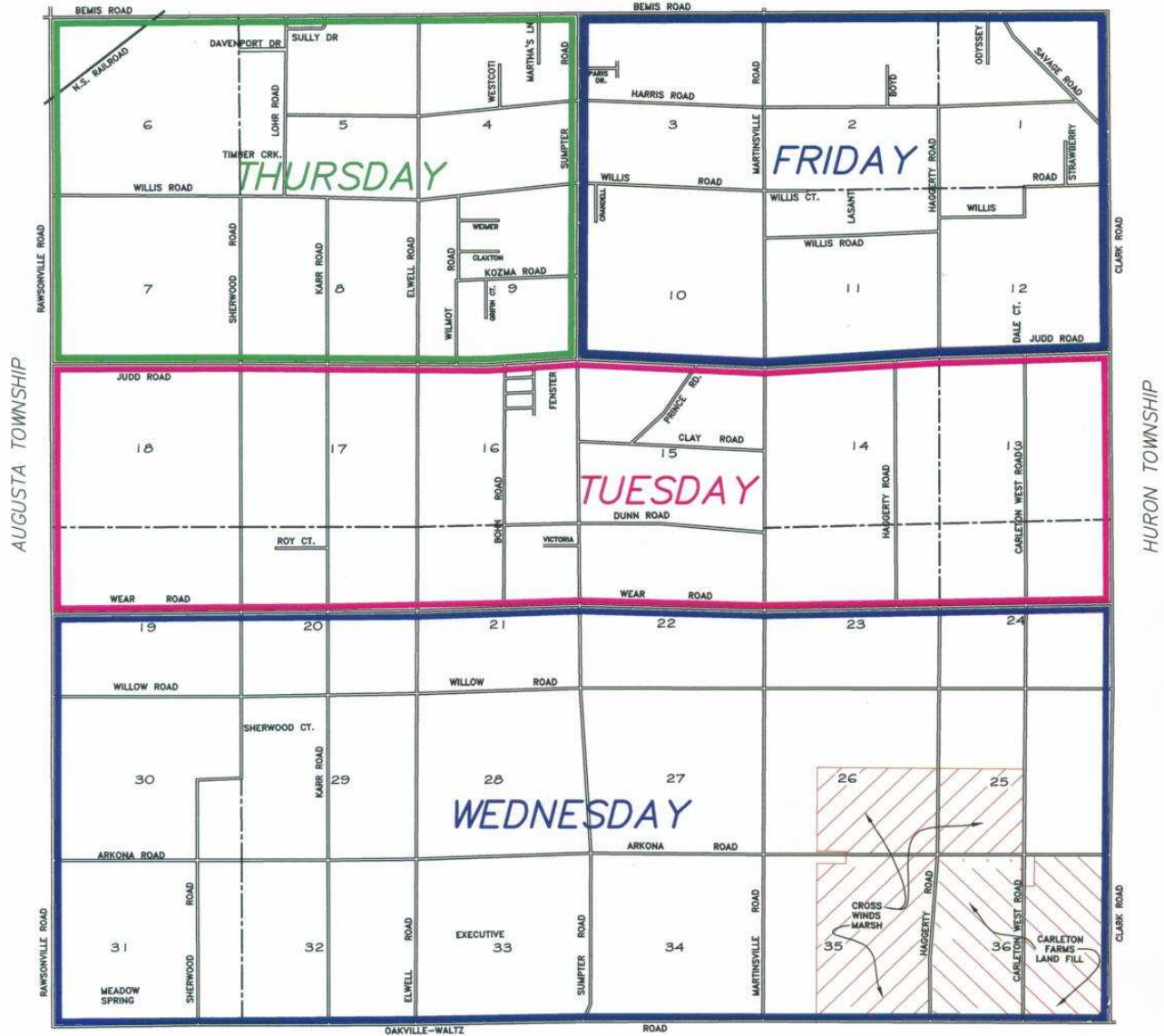
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- Nail polish, glue
- Fertilizer, lawn and garden chemicals, pesticides
- Antifreeze, motor oil, gasoline, propane tanks
- Automotive batteries and dry cell batteries, fluorescent bulbs (all types)
- Fire extinguishers, smoke detectors
- Mercury thermometers, thermostats and elemental mercury

Electronics Recycling

- Computer CPU's, monitors, printers, scanners, keyboards, mice
- Cell phones, fax machines, copiers, and televisions

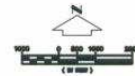
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EXETER TOWNSHIP



SUMPTER TOWNSHIP
RUBBISH PICK-UP SCHEDULE



CLARENCE J. HOFFMAN, JR.
SUMPTER TOWNSHIP CLERK



345 MAIN STREET
BELLEVILLE, MI 48111 (734) 697-0970

FEBRUARY 8, 2010

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FROM THE TREASURER – John W. Morgan

Any 2009 summer (yellow) or winter (green) tax bills not paid by now, must be paid at Wayne County Treasurers office. Payments can be made by mail to: Wayne County Treasurer, 400 Monroe, 5th Floor, Detroit, MI 48226 or payments can be made online at www.treasurer.waynecounty.com. Wayne County Treasurer does accept partial payments.

In February, taxpayers should have received a new assessment from Wayne County. This is not a bill, but an assessment on your property.

If you have questions about this assessment there will be a Board of Review in March during the week of the 8th. The Supervisor's office will be setting the hours.

Your current dog license expires 03/31/10. You need a current rabies certificate in order to obtain a



new license at the Township Hall. Also, dog clinic days are March 6th and March 13th, the first two Saturdays in March. Hours are 1:00pm – 4:00pm.

Location is at the barn across the street from the Township Hall. Cost is \$11.00 for 2 year rabies shot and \$19.00 for combo-distemper shot. Dog licenses can also be purchased that day. \$5.00 unsexed dogs and \$7.00 female dogs. ½ price for persons over age 55. Cat vaccines also available. License not required for cats.

JUST A REMINDER..... the Treasurer's office is open 8:30-4:30 pm and open late on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month 8:30-7:00 pm.

The Township Hall will be closed April 2 and 5th for the Easter Holiday.

Have a Blessed Easter Holiday.

A Message From Your Water Department

To our valued Water and Sewer customers:

I would like to address the care and maintenance of our sewer grinder pumps. They are made to be dependable and long lasting if used properly. We have been experiencing an increase in the number of problems. Please be reminded that the following items are not to be disposed in your sewer system:

- Glass
- Metal
- Diapers, cloth rags, etc.
- Seafood Shells
- Kitty Litter
- Plastic items-toys, eating utensils, etc.
- Cooking Grease
- Sanitary items
- Women's sanitary items
- Any flammable liquids

Please be advised that during power outages and "brown outs" please turn off power supply until power is fully restored. Also, sump pumps and other drainage devices are not to be hooked into the sewer system. Thank you for your cooperation.

In closing, I would like to introduce myself as Sumpter Townships' new DPW/Water and Sewer Superintendent. I have worked for the township, in another capacity, since October 2006. I also have over 31 years experience in the water distribution and sewage disposal field. Thank you, in advance, for your support and confidence.

Yours Truly, Marvin F. Drews

Sumpter Township Senior Center

23501 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111

734-461-9373

www.sumptertwp.com

Spring is here! Sunshine and smiles, fun and flowers abound!

Senior Grass Cutting Program: Free to income qualifying 62+ seniors HUD Guidelines for low income (proof required) .

Owner occupied and up to date paid property taxes Forms available at the senior center

Application deadline: April 30 2010

Thursday, March 25, 2010 Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano will host a free healthy lunch for seniors at the community center gym 11:30-3:00. RSVP is required by March 22. There will be a raffle and bingo, senior information and more!

Attorney General Mike Cox office is doing a SCAM series Wednesdays thru March 24 12:30

It's not too early to start thinking about Senior Olympics held August 16-20th. This year Sumpter is proud to host the baking event! Deadline to participate is July 15th. Details at the Senior Center. Enjoy a nutritious lunch at noon Monday thru Friday at the center. 24 hr notice is requested.

Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00 is Senior Stretch & Tone emphasizing maintaining strength and flexibility, no impact. Free to members.

Penny Pokeno is 1st, 2nd & 4th Thursdays 12:30.

Two Stop Shopping enables seniors to run errands and shop locally Tuesdays 1:00 24 hr. notice required

Transportation available thru a partnership with SMART

Bridge card appointments and surplus food program for seniors

Meals on Wheels 734 727-7357 or 800-851-1454

The senior center is funded in part by the Area Agency on Aging, 1-C, The Senior Alliance

Day trips, classes, speakers special events, dining out, quilting/sewing, volunteer opportunities, fellowship and more are waiting for you at the Sumpter Senior Center.

From your Senior Coordinator, Denise Drouillard

The Country Fest is back for 2010!!

Parks & Recreation Info.

After canceling the Country Fest last year, it is back again on **Memorial Day Weekend May 27th. Thru the 31st.** We are bringing back your Favorites & also adding some new Attractions. Your Favorite Impersonators **Elvis, Johnny Cash, The Blues Brothers, Buddy Holly, The Beatles,** & others will be back. **Fireworks, Bingo, Club "21" poker, Enduro & Demo Derby Racing, Beer Tent, Live Music, Free Children's Entertainment, Parade, Carnival,** & back by Popular Demand The "Chairman's" **Almost World Famous Slow Cooked B.B.Q. Chicken & Rib Dinners!!!**

The Sumpter Twp. Supervisor's office has secured another Grant from The Wayne County Parks millage. This Grant total is for \$50,000.00 for the year 2010 / 2011. The Parks & Recreation Commission is recommending to the Township Board to purchase 2 drinking fountains for Graham Park, 2 new pavilions for Banotai Park, Restroom Facilities for Graham (2) & (1) Banotai Parks, Repair & Extend the Fishing Pier at Banotai Park, Resurface the Basketball Court @ Graham Park, & several other Improvements to Both Parks.

2010 Parks & Rec. Schedule of Events

Children's Easter Party – Sat. March 27th.

12:00 noon @ Sumpter Community Center

Sumpter "Country Fest" – May 27th. thru the 31st. @ Sumpter Community Center Fairgrounds

Family Day – Sat. July 17th. 12:00 noon @ Graham Park (corner of Sumpter & Wear Rds.)

16th. Annual Don Rochon Memorial Car Show Sept. 26th. @ Community Center Fairgrounds

Annual "Turkey Shoot" – Oct. 3rd., 10th., 17th., & 24th. @ Police Gun Range, Willow Rd.

Children's Christmas Party – Dec. 15th. 6:00pm. @ Sumpter Community Center
For more Info Please Call (734)-461-6201 ext. 226

Sincerely,
Craig Moody, Chairman
Peggy Morgan, Liaison

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From Your Police Department

Sumpter Township Police Department wants to congratulate members of our community for having one of the safest holiday seasons we have experienced in years! We look forward to building greater partnerships with our citizens in order to maintain a safer community for 2010. Additionally, for over twenty years members of this organization have organized and participated in food drives for families who are in need during the holiday season. With generous donations from local businesses, the 2009 "Operation Gobble" initiative was among the very best ever - nicely done! Help us help you! In order to further assist us in

our efforts to deliver quality service expeditiously, we would like to remind you to post a highly visible address, preferably one that illuminates at night. The fire department provides approved signage to Sumpter Township residents at a value of \$18.60 per address. Senior citizens and others demonstrating financial need may contact Deputy Supervisor Craig Moody at (734) 461-6201. Mr. Moody or a member of the Township will assist in facilitating the delivery of an address at no cost to anyone who requires additional assistance. Things to look forward to this spring: Sumpter fest will feature Sumpter police officers

performing child car seat safety inspections, crime prevention, and Neighborhood Watch material and bicycle helmet giveaways for Sumpter Township residents, while they last. Your Sumpter Police Department will also be providing *solution oriented policing* projects in the area of internet safety seminars for parents and their children, as well as senior safety and neighborhood watch updates. Contact Officer Beth Egerer at (734) 461-6899 for more information.

Sumpter Police Officers' priority #1: **Keeping Sumpter Safe...for you!**

"KSS"



Fire Department

The Sumpter Township Board deems that it's necessary in order to provide proper police, fire, and emergency services to the residents of the Township, that every developed residential or business parcel of property shall display a property identification number (address) visible from the public and private roadways adjacent to the property in the township. The display shall be reflective at the driveway (ingress & egress) and on the building. The property identification number on structure or address shall use numbers not less than 3 (three) inches in height and one-half inch in line width. It shall be located on the same side of the adjacent roadway as the property that it identifies.

In the case of shared driveways one at main road, second at individual drive ways. The occupants of all buildings in the township used for commercial and/or industrial purposes that are connected with or located so close to other buildings as to prevent access between such buildings, and/or which require a different route to the rear of the building than to the front, shall cause the correct business name and property identification number to be placed on the rear entrance door or immediately adjacent to the door.

For the complete house numbering ordinance contact the Clerks Office.

Most Frequently Asked Questions About Residential Building Projects

What do I have to pull a permit for?

Building

Any new structures, such as a home, addition, garage, accessory buildings, deck, or any structural changes.

Any change of current use of area within a home would require permits (e.g. finishing a basement to provide habitable space, creating a bedroom from an existing space).

Roof replacement—Siding—Window & exterior door replacement—Pools—Non-structural repairs and renovations within a home, or replacement of existing fixtures do not require a permit. (Replacement of cabinets, counters, flooring, painting, awnings/shutters attached to the home) - Plumbing\Mechanical—Furnace replacement—Installing air conditioning—Water heater replacement—Gas piping—Irrigation systems—Repair water\sewer lines—Installation of new plumbing or fixtures

Electrical

Permits are required for all electrical work with the exception of, replacement of fixtures, switches and outlets.

Sumpter Township strongly recommends that, State of Michigan licensed electrical contractors perform electrical installation and repairs.

Permits are issued only to licensed Electrical Contractors, and Homeowners, for the dwelling in which they reside, or intend to reside (new home). Homeowner Permits, will not be issued to owners of rental properties.

How deep do footings have to be?

42" for a house, deck, attached garage or detached garage/utility structure over 600 square feet.

What are basic deck requirements?

Footings 42" deep (undisturbed soil), treated material or naturally weather resistant woods must be used (pressure treated lumber, cedar, or plastic composite are all acceptable materials). The deck is to support 60 lb. live load.

Railings are to be 3 ft. high min. and able to support 200 lbs. Of pressure in any direction. Spindles are required if the deck or stairs are 30" above the finish grade. Spindle spacing should be such that a 4-in. sphere cannot pass through openings.

Stairways are to be 3-ft. wide min. with a graspable handrail no more than 2 5/8 inches wide, located between 34" – 38" in height, measured plumb from the leading edge of each tread.

Stair tread height must be a maximum of 8 1/4" and 4" minimum. Stair tread depth must be 9" minimum. Steps cannot vary more than 3/8" in the "run" of the stairs.

Decks constructed on new homes where posts would be located in a "disturbed soil area" must be attached to the home. Typically, 30" or so around your foundation has been "over-dug"; obviously this area is "settling" fill material and in most cases, will not support your deck adequately. All foundations must be placed upon undisturbed load bearing soil.

What is the maximum number of roof coverings that I can place on my house before completely tearing off the roof to the existing boards?

Only two roofs can be placed on a house before complete replacement.

What do I have to turn in for a building permit?

Two sets of building plans—Certified Survey—A plot plan (showing to scale the dimension of lot, location and accurate size of all existing structures, location and size of proposed structure) - Copy of builder's license—Copy of Signed Contract—Insurance—Homeowner's affidavit (if pulling own permit) - Completed permit application

Things All Residents Should Know

It is our intention at the Sumpter Township Building Department to assist in completing all building projects as smooth as possible for you, the resident. Our goal is to insure that your project meets code standards for health, safety, and welfare, for yourself as well as the general public.

Protect Yourself!

When contracting work to be done to your home...

Always, hire a State of Michigan licensed contractor, licensed in the trade in which they are doing work.

Always, have your contractor pull permits (If you, the homeowner, pull the permit and fill out the "Homeowner Affidavit", you, the homeowner are responsible for the work)

Always, make sure that your contractor shows you the copy of the permit, and displays it in a visible location.



Country Living At Its Finest

SUMPTER TOWNSHIP

23480 Sumpter Road
Belleville, MI 48111

Phone: 734-461-6201
Fax: 734-461-6441

Sumpter Township Postal Customer

SUMPTER TOWNSHIP

OFFICE HOURS MON – FRI 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Emergency Numbers

Police or Fire Emergency	anytime	911
Police Department (non-emergency)		(734) 461-6898
Water & Sewer	8:30 Am – 4:30 pm Mon – Fri	(734) 461-6201 Ext.# 242
Water & Sewer	after hours, weekends & holidays	(734) 461-6898
Electricity & Natural Gas	DTE Energy	(800) 477-4747
Cable TV	Comcast	(888) 266-2278
Satellite TV	refer to your bill for service number	
Telephone	refer to your bill for service number	
Belleville Post office	Hours: Mon – Fri 8:30 am – 6:30 pm Sat. 9 am – 4 pm	(734) 697-0047
Wayne County Road Commission		(734) 753-4477

All Local School Districts

Airport Schools	Administration Office	(734) 654-8414
	Transportation Office	(734) 654-3433
Huron Schools	Administration Office	(734) 782-2441
	Transportation Office	(734) 782-1418
Lincoln Schools	Administration Office	(734) 484-7000
	Transportation Office	(734) 484-7044
Van Buren Schools	Administration Office	(734) 697-9123
	Transportation Office	(734) 699-5100