

BRUCE TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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Supervisor Mike Fillbrook



Bruce Township teamed up with Michigan State University and did an aerial spraying of multiple sections of the Township for a total of 246 acres to help control the Spongy Moth infestation. The low flying aircraft on the morning of May 23rd was a concern for some residents regarding what chemical was being used. The chemical is called Bacillus Thuringiensis (BTK) and is used to control large scale Spongy Moth infestation and is non-toxic to humans, birds, animals, honeybees, fish, and most other insects. Bruce Township along with the efforts of Macomb County Road Commission will be applying 3 miles of limestone to various travel roads in the township this year.

We still have a lot of areas in the township that do not have quality high speed internet. The tower at 36 Mile and Hipp Road serves many but is unable to reach most in the northern part of the township. Starlink is launching hundreds of satellites with hopes of relief in those rural areas in the near future. You can google Starlink internet to follow the progress.

On June 20th at 12 noon at the Bruce Township Hall 223 East Gates the township will be hosting an M-53 corridor meeting that will include members from Michigan Department of Transportation, Macomb County Road Commission, along with officials from other local municipalities. This is open to the public and comments are welcome. This would be the time to voice your opinion on any concerns regarding M-53/Van Dyke in the township.

I can easily be reached by phone and my office door is always open. I wish everyone a safe enjoyable summer.

Mike Fillbrook, Supervisor
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Clerk Susan Kraft



This is a year for the Clerk's office. We have had two special elections already, and are looking toward our August 2nd and November 8th gubernatorial elections. We processed over 1300 ballots for the Special elections, but expect a much bigger turn out for the upcoming elections. Please contact our office if you have any questions regarding the elections or the voting process.

The Board of Trustees voted to dust off our old recording equipment and to record our meetings in-house. We now have a YouTube channel ("Bruce Township") where we will be streaming our meetings live. You can go directly to YouTube, or to our website (brucetwp.org) where you will find a link to our channel.

We would like to bid a fond farewell to Bonnie in our Building Department who is retiring after 26 years! You will be missed Bonnie. Enjoy your retirement!

Congratulations to all men and women of the Bruce Township Fire Department for the hard work they do each day, but a special thanks to those who were recognized by Beaumont Hospital for their outstanding service to the community. **You can watch our You Tube channel called "Bruce Township" to view the award ceremony.**

Susan Kraft, Clerk
586.752.4585 Ext. 116
skraft@brucetwp.org



Treasurer Frank DiGiorgio



The Treasurer's Office is committed and looks forward to, serving taxpayers with respect, professionalism and a commitment to customer service.

TAX PAYMENTS

Taxes are due and payable: Summer: Mailed out July 1st and are due September 14th, 2022
Winter: Mailed out December 1st and are due February 28th, 2023

Payments can be made in person at the following bank branches located in Romeo: Tri-County, PNC and People Driven Credit Union. Payments can also be placed in the **secure drop box behind the Bruce Township Hall** located at 223 East Gates, Romeo, MI 48065

Online Bill Pay

Payments can be made for Taxes and Utilities on the Township website: www.brucetwp.org

When writing checks PLEASE ensure that the numeric and written portion of the check matches and are legible, so that way the bank will not return them for non-payment.

Congratulations to Bonnie Scherr in the building department with 26 years of service. Thank you for all of your dedication and hard work. Enjoy your retirement!

Frank DiGiorgio Treasurer
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Robert Biluk Deputy Treasurer
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Shredding/Electronic Recycling Event

Date: Saturday, October 8, 2022
Time: 9:00 a.m.—Noon
Place: Romeo Parks & Recreation
Parking Lot – 361 Morton St.

This event is being held in conjunction with the Village of Romeo. A detailed flyer of acceptable items will be available on our website. www.brucetwp.org



Bruce Township Community Blood Drive

We will be having a blood drive here at Township Hall. Below are the details and a link for you to schedule an appointment.

www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=brucetwp

Wednesday 07/06/2022

9:30 AM - 4:30 PM

**223 East Gates
Romeo, MI 48065**

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Fire Chief Witgen

Now that the warm weather is getting closer and we head into the summer months, some good things have been happening here at Bruce Township Fire Department. Our new Utility F150 pick-up truck has arrived, has been lettered and is getting the emergency lights installed onto it. Also the new command vehicle arrived and has been lettered and is also getting its emergency lights installed.

May 15-21 this year was EMS week nationwide, and at an awards ceremony held on the 16 th of May at Beaumont Troy Hospital many of our members were recognized for their extraordinary efforts in patient care, they were Tim Heyl, Brandon Kasper, James LeGree, Ron Feltz, Mike Alfonsi, Cara Viaene, John Gilaj, Bill Thompson, Sgt. Niel Talaska, Sgt. Jack Latcha, Lt. Evan Delmotte, and Battalion Chief Josh Wade. The men and women of our fire department have been putting their expertise on the line every day, rising to each challenge thrown at them, especially over the last two years, and they all should be recognized for their dedication, strength, and resiliency by providing outstanding service to our community, and as the Fire Chief it is an honor to be associated with such a great group of individuals.

Building Department

The building department regulates and monitors construction within the township based on local zoning and ordinances and in accordance with the state building code. Building applications, permits and information are available on the Bruce Township website, www.brucetwp.org Please note there have been changes to the building permit application and accessory building requirements.

Most home renovation projects, new construction, accessory buildings, sheds, interior remodel, decks, fences, roofs, swimming pools, generators, air conditioners, furnaces, demolitions, etc. require permits.

Permits are required for building, electrical, plumbing, mechanical and fence projects.

Please check our website or contact the building department for your project requirements.

Building department direct line 586-258-7053 or building@brucetwp.org

Assessing Department

The Bruce Township Assessing Department is continually working to update and maintain accurate assessment records. In addition, the State Tax Commission guidelines recommend that assessors inspect 20% of properties in their local unit annually. Accurate assessments, including correct record cards are a benefit to all property owners.

Between now and the end of 2022, our staff may be visiting the properties in sections 28, 29, 30 and 31 to update the assessment records by verifying exterior measurements of all structures and taking new photographs.

Feel free to contact the Assessing Department at 586-752-4585 ext. 200 or assessing@brucetwp.org if you have any questions or concerns.

Bruce Township Cemeteries

The historical cemeteries in Bruce Township were established over 200 years ago and they need to be properly maintained and preserved in a respectful manner. In an effort to ensure an environment that is neat, respectful, uniform, and easily maintained, as of Wednesday May 18th, signs with the cemetery rules have been posted in all of the Bruce Township cemeteries.

Beginning Thursday May 19th, the township will publicize by website, newsletter, social media and placing ads in The Macomb Daily requesting the removal of the prohibited items by Friday July 8th, 2022.

After Saturday July 9th, the prohibited items will be removed and consolidated in an identified area of the cemetery for 90 days where they may be picked up by the owner. After Friday, October 7th, the remaining items will be disposed of.

Your cooperation is very much appreciated as we strive to preserve and respect where loved ones have been laid to rest.

For a list of the cemetery rules, please go to our website at www.brucetwp.org.

A CAMPAIGN TO SUPPORT LOCALLY OWNED AND OPERATED BUSINESSES AND ENCOURAGE OUR COMMUNITY TO SHOP LOCAL WHENEVER POSSIBLE

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU SHOP LOCAL?

YOU STRENGTHEN OUR LOCAL ECONOMY

Local businesses hire local employees and purchase locally sourced products to stock their inventory

YOU GET TO ENJOY PRODUCT DIVERSITY

Unique inventory and locally sourced products result in a shopping experience that you won't get at big box stores.

YOU PUT MONEY BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY

Locally owned and operated businesses are more likely to give back to the community than those that aren't.

"Bruce Township Macomb County"

Is the name of our Facebook Page!

Here you will find upcoming information on events, local advertisement and information about our community.

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Thank you to these local businesses for allowing us to place our newsletter in their establishment, please shop at them.

Mains Treat Coffeehouse
 Vandyke Liquor Beer Wine & Lottery
 Times Square Restaurant
 Lafonda Mexican Kitchen
 Sheena's Marketplace
 Golden Buddha Thai Cuisine
 Emmett's Energy
 Fit Body Boot Camp
 Fraser Optical
 Four Corners' Diner