

Bruce Township Newsletter

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Supervisor Mike Fillbrook



I would like to start with a follow up regarding M-53 corridor. Bruce Township will be hosting a meeting on December 5 2022 at 1:00pm at the Bruce Township Hall located at 223 East Gates Street Romeo. Representatives from Michigan Department of Roads, Macomb County Road Commission, and local officials from various communities. There will be a time during the meeting to listen to public comment for suggestions, ideas, or complaints regarding the Van Dyke corridor please feel free to attend.

Bruce Township did team up with the Macomb County Road Commission this year and did have 3 Miles of Limestone added to various Roads in the Township. The Township will be looking to do an additional 3 Miles in the year 2023 with the roads that will be considered most favorable are by the oldest date that they were last done.

Bruce Township did participate in the spraying for Gypsy Moth this year with a total of 266.53 acres treated. According to the Michigan State University Extension District 11 it was successful. If you have an area that you feel should be considered please feel free to reach out to MSU Extension 586-469-6440.

Bruce Township along with the Village of Romeo hosted a document shred and electronics recycle event on October 8th at the Romeo Bruce Washington Parks and Rec building located at 363 Morton Street. It was a well-attended event with a full truck load of electronics received that will be recycled and not go into a land fill. Additionally, 270 legal size boxes of documents were shredded. The Township along with the Village of Romeo will be looking to host a similar event in the fall of 2023 keep an eye out on the Bruce Township web site for a date and time we will post it when its scheduled.

The Powell Road Rebuilding and Paving project has been completed, your patience with the delays and detours throughout this project has been very much appreciated.

My direct number to my desk is 586-258-7050 please feel free to call or stop in the Township Hall my door is always open.

Mike Fillbrook, Supervisor
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Clerk Susan Kraft



The 2022 election cycle was a huge success in Bruce Township. We had a 68% voter turnout and we processed over 2000 absentee ballots. Additionally, we had many people step up and offer to work the polls. We were able to share names with other communities who didn't have enough election inspectors. Thank you to our great election team and to Bruce Township!

Bruce Township will soon join the nationally recognized organization know as the **Purple Heart Trail**. This program started in 1992 and is intended to honor Purple Heart recipients and to share their too often untold stories. Our plan is to start the process of becoming a chapter in this exciting honorary program with a ceremony in the near future, hopefully Memorial Day 2023. Meanwhile, we hope to be in contact with local veterans and recipients of the Purple Heart so we may learn who they are and hear their stories. If you know of a Purple Heart recipient, or are one yourself, please contact the Clerk's Office. 586.752.4585 ext. 116.

Speaking of dedicated residents...if you haven't been to the park behind the Township Hall recently, please check it out. Local resident Mr. Kenneth Milton, has been hard at work accenting the park and its walking trail with benches and other special touches. Thank you, Mr. Melton,

COMING SOON.... By January 2023, the various township board meetings, will stream live on our Facebook page (Bruce Township, Macomb County) and our YouTube page (Bruce Township). Go to our webpage at brucetwp.org for links to these pages.

Lastly, but certainly not least, our team is losing a valued member to retirement in December. Dana Jenuwine has been with the Clerk's Office for more than 23 years. Happy retirement Dana!! You will be missed!!

Susan Kraft, Clerk
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If you are a veteran, please contact the Clerk's office with your service information. We value our veterans.



Treasurer Frank DiGiorgio



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

Taxes are due and payable:

Summer: Mailed out July 1st and are due by September 14th, 2022

Winter: Mailed out December 1st and are due by February 28th, 2023

Tax payments

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 **secured 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 match and are legible, so that way the bank will not return them for non-payment.

Bruce Twp. cemetery update.

In the past couple of months volunteers have been donating their time to **The Bruce Township Beautification Project**, these cemeteries are the property of the Township and just like any property owner they need to be properly maintained and manicured. This has involved cleaning up all three of the cemeteries in Bruce Twp. of unwanted brush along the fence lines, weeds that have grown into unwanted trees that have or will be shifting headstone monuments (before and after pictures are on the back page). There are still the roads in the McCafferty and Bruce/Armada Cemeteries that need to be leveled and capped with new limestone, additionally an extension of the existing road to be installed in the new section of the Bruce/Armada Cemetery to allow excess to the newer part of the cemetery. Fences are also in desperate need of repair and/or replaced, along with headstones/monuments that need to be leveled and put back in place. Anyone that is interested in helping can contact the Treasures office at 586-258-7052.

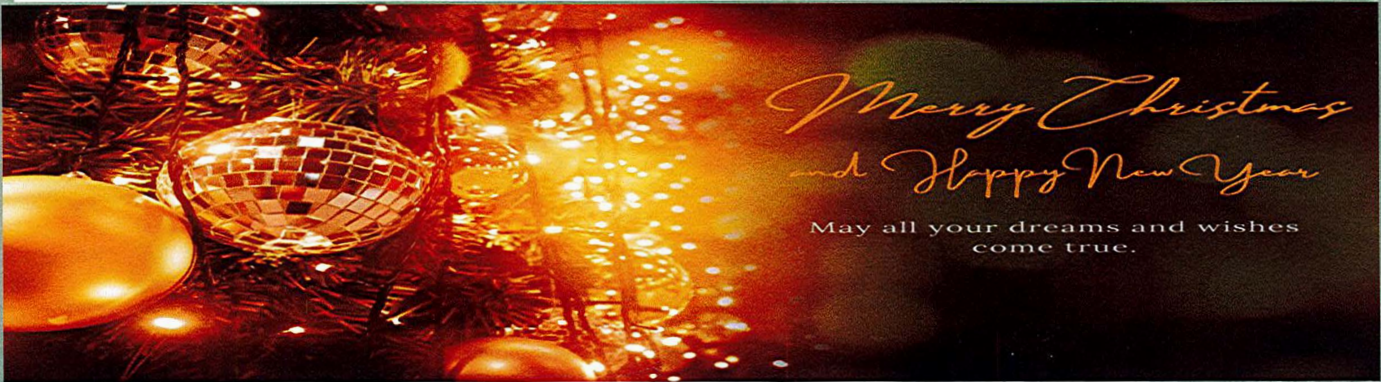
Congratulations to Dana Jenuwine in the Accounting dept. with 23 years of service, thank you for all of your dedication and hard work. Enjoy your retirement!

We would also like to wish you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and Happy new Year!

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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 is available on the Bruce Township website, www.brucetwp.org

Please note change for the building permit application.

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 and mechanical 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

Cemeteries under Township control:

Bruce/Armada Cemetery - Armada Center Road, east of Kanie

MaCafferty Cemetery - Van Dyke north of 34 Mile Rd

Goodrich Cemetery - North Kidder Rd. east of Van Dyke

Price per grave - Bruce Township resident \$1,000, Non-resident \$2,000

Assessing Department

The 2023 Assessment Notices will be mailed to all property owners by the end of February 2023. The Board of Review will be held the week of March 13, 2023. Exact dates and times will be included in the assessment notice. If you wish to appeal your assessment, please call our office to schedule an appointment once you receive your notice.

Poverty Exemption guidelines and application are available on our website. Applications can be considered at the March, July or December Boards of Review.

Disabled Veteran’s must apply for the disabled veteran’s exemption each year with the Assessor’s Office. A reminder letter will be sent to all existing veterans who have applied for the exemption. Disabled Veteran’s exemption can be considered at the March, July or December Board’s of Review. Please see our website or call our office for more information.

The summer of 2023 representatives from the Assessing Department will be visiting the southern portion of the township for our annual 20% inspection review. Exact sections to be reviewed will be listed on our website in the Spring of 2023.

Planning and Zoning Department

One of the main goals of the Planning and Zoning Department is to maintain and support the goals of the Bruce Township Master Plan. Consideration should be given to those changes which demonstrate consistency with the Bruce Township direction of “Proud Heritage, Planned Future”. One of the main ways the department supports the goals of the Master Plan is to ensure that projects comply with the Bruce Township Zoning Ordinance.

The Planning Commission meets on the first Wednesday of each month and the Zoning Board of Appeals meets the fourth Monday. As always, these meetings are open to the public and start at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall. The agendas, minutes, and links to past meetings can be found on the Bruce Township website along with the ordinances and project applications. Please contact the Planning and Zoning Department at 586-752-4585 ext. 130, if you have any questions or concerns.

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Van Dyke Liquor Beer Wine & Lottery
Main Street Kitchen & Bar
Golden Buddha Thai Cuisine

Sheena’s Marketplace
Times Square Restaurant
Lafonda Mexican Kitchen
Fit Body Boot Camp

4 Corners’ Diner
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Before and after pictures of our cemeteries

