We would also like to wish you and your loved ones to enjoy a wonderful spring season.

At the February meeting the Township Board approved the leveling and recapping of roads with new limestone at the McCafferty Ford Detour. Unfortunately, they failed to complete it before bad weather set in. There will be delays and possible detours which will be a great inconvenience for everyone. The project is currently budgeted for $310,000.00 with the Township share to be $31,000.00 and is subject for board approval at the April 19th Board meeting.

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If you live on a Dirt road and subject to the Mud, Dust, and Potholes. If you need to contact the Macomb County Department of Roads call 586-463-8371 Ext. 25 to get you in touch with the Maintenance Department. The Macomb County Department of Roads including over 4000 Miles of paved Roads. Spring time is a tough time of the year to keep up with the maintenance especially this year with the excess rain, ice, thawing, and refreezing we have had. Macomb County is the home of 27 Townships, Cities, and Villages all which need their Roads maintained on a regular basis. The County may grade a Road today and receive a rain storm tomorrow and its almost like it was never graded prior to the rain. Macomb County does have a grading schedule they rotate between all 27 communities in order to provide adequate service on a regular basis. Growing up in Macomb County I’ve lived on dirt Roads for over 55 years and still recall when they used slag/pot, put them in the pot holes and would light them so you would not drive into the pothole because you were sure to get stuck. Macomb County does a great job of maintaining our Dirt Roads if you are having an issue on the road you live on try and be patient I can assure you they have it on their schedule. It is a Dirt road and subject to the Mud, Dust, and Potholes. If you need to contact the Macomb County Department of Roads call 586-463-8371 Ext. 25 to get you in touch with the Maintenance Department.

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One subject that I receive a lot of calls on is regarding the condition of our Gravel/Dirt Roads. Bruce Township has 41 miles of Dirt Roads with 327 Miles total in Macomb County all which have to be maintained by the Macomb County Department of Roads including over 4000 Miles of paved Roads. Spring time is a tough time of the year to keep up with the maintenance especially this year with the excess rain, ice, thawing, and refreezing we have had. Macomb County is the home of 27 Townships, Cities, and Villages all which need their Roads maintained on a regular basis. The County may grade a Road today and receive a rain storm tomorrow and its almost like it was never graded prior to the rain. Macomb County does have a grading schedule they rotate between all 27 communities in order to provide adequate service on a regular basis. Growing up in Macomb County I’ve lived on dirt Roads for over 55 years and still recall when they used slag/pot, put them in the pot holes and would light them so you would not drive into the pothole because you were sure to get stuck. Macomb County does a great job of maintaining our Dirt Roads if you are having an issue on the road you live on try and be patient I can assure you they have it on their schedule. It is a Dirt road and subject to the Mud, Dust, and Potholes. If you need to contact the Macomb County Department of Roads call 586-463-8371 Ext. 25 to get you in touch with the Maintenance Department.

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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, 2023
Winter: Mailed out December 1st and are due by February 28th, 2024

Mailing Tax or Utility Payments
In order for us to receive your payments in a timely manner, please give the US Postal Service 7-10 days for them to deliver to us, or you can place it in the secured drop box behind the Bruce Township Hall located at 223 East Gates, Romeo, MI 48065

Tax payments
Payments can be made in person at the following bank branches located in Romeo: Tri-County, PNC and People Driven Credit Union.

Online Bill Pay
Payments can be made for Taxes and Utilities on the Township website: www.bruceofw.org The payment processing company will charge you 3.25% unless it is an ACH.

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.

The Bruce Township Cemeteries Beautification Project
At the February meeting the Township Board approved the leveling and recapping of roads with new limestone at the McCafferty and Bruce/Armada Cemeteries, additionally an extension of the existing road to be installed in the new section of the Bruce/Armada Cemetery to allow access to the newer part of the cemetery, this work is projected to take place sometime in the month of April. There is still much more that needs to be done as we work at maneuvering these historic cemeteries. Anyone that is interested in helping can contact the Treasurers office at 586-258-7052.

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There will be a May 2nd election for those living in the Armada School District. Only a small part of Bruce Township falls within the jurisdiction. If you aren’t sure if this includes you, please contact us for more information. 586.752.4585 ext. 113.

The passage of Proposal 2022-2 will bring changes to voting practices in Michigan and Bruce Township. The state is still trying to figure out how to implement those changes. Once they do, and they share the information with us, we will be sharing the details with residents. We do know that the changes will include nine days of early voting.

This year, we have scheduled two shredding dates in conjunction with the Village of Romeo. The first date will be for paper shred and will be held on May 20th. Our second event will be held on October 14th and will include paper shred and electric recycling. Both events are scheduled from 9am to noon in the parking lot of the Parks and Recreation building on Morton Street. Please visit the Bruce Township Macomb County website as soon as we get the details.

Bruce Township became part of the Purple Heart Community in November 2022. Watch for our signs to go up soon.

Don’t forget to check out our meetings on YouTube! Our very talented high school students, Eli Hullinger and Joshua Bigelow have been doing a great job recording the meetings. Congratulations to them as they graduate!

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.

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Watch township meetings on our You Tube Channel “Bruce Township”

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Fire Department
Welcome Spring! And the extended daylight with the recent time change!! Good things have been happening at the Bruce Township Fire Department, first came with good news from the Federal Government on February 21, 2023, (FEMA AFG 2021-Assistance to firefighters grants) as we were awarded federal funding for the replacement of our self-contained breathing apparatus, (SCBA) which is the breathing air worn while in atmospheres which are immediately dangerous to life and health. The awarded value was $214,140.00 for replacement of all these pieces of equipment for all our fire trucks.

In January one of our Battalion Chiefs retired from the department which created an opening for some of our qualified members to interview for the position. This was done on February 23 rd with one of the lieutenant's Steve Nakis receiving the position. The open position for lieutenant was then filled from the firefighter ranks with Tim Heyl and Brandon Kasper receiving that position, with these officers accepting their roles they will be starting on April 01, 2023, congratulations Steve, Tim and Brandon you will serve this department well with your leadership.

With the blessing from the Bruce Township Board we were also able to assign new members to our shifts to support our current staffing model to better serve the needs of our wonderful community. These members were hired from within our department and we had four outstanding candidates applying for the two available positions with Carson Kohl and Nathan Racz being selected. These two young men will be a great fit for our department and the community.

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

Thank you to these local businesses for allowing us to place our newsletter in their establishment, please Shop at them… Shop Local!

Mains Treat Coffeehouse
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
Fraser Optical

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Enjoy a sensational afternoon Tea at the charming Octagon House! Indulge in delicious tea and finger foods while enjoying the historic décor. Spend a few minutes before or after tea time exploring the house!

(9002)
Thursday, May 11th
11:30am-1:30pm
*Please note: doors do not open until 11:30am.*
$22 NR; $25 Octagon House
57000 Van Dyke
Washington Twp

Please reserve by 5/3