

FREEMAN TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

2017-2018

ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Passing of Trustee Wells
- Resignation of Planning Commission President
- New Email Notification Service
- Transfer Site Items
 - New Passes
 - New Metal Bin
 - Fines
 - Break Down Boxes
- Date for Removal of Cemetery Items
- Building Permit Forms & Fees online.
- Notes from the Township Treasurer & Clerk

PASSING OF TRUSTEE WELLS: We would like to take a moment to express our condolences to the family of Richard Wells. Dick had been our Trustee since November of 2000 up until his passing on September 2nd, 2017. We thank him for his dedicated service during that time.

RESIGNATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION PRESIDENT: Recently Leo Stevens resigned from the Planning Commission after many years of dedicated service. We would like to thank him for all his years of service to this Township!

NEW EMAIL NOTIFICATION SERVICE: We want to notify everyone of our new email notification service. This notification will send you any important notifications from the Board, and you can also sign up to be notified when the latest Board Minutes and Planning Commission minutes are available online. Julie Lightfoot, our Clerk, also typically attaches the minutes to the email so you don't even have to go looking for them online. If you'd like to have this email notification service, you can sign up online at our website, or there are forms in the office.

TRANSFER SITE ITEMS: It has come time that we hand out new transfer site passes. New passes will be mailed out the beginning of January, 2018. Each household will receive one pass. If you lose your pass or need additional, the cost for additional/replacement passes will be \$1.00. **They are available from the Clerk (Mondays & Wednesdays 8:30a-12:30p).** Please have your parcel # and/or address available along with your driver's license when requesting additional or replacement passes.

We have a new METAL bin. Citizens may deposit any metals in this bin, except computers and TV's.

On a few occasions we have had people leaving trash in front of the transfer site gate, or throwing it over the fence during hours the transfer site is not open. This is a violation of our ordinance and has a fine of \$100. Please do **NOT** leave trash at the transfer site gate or throw it over the fence!

Many of you are using the recycle bin. However, we ask that you please break down all boxes, and smash any containers, such as milk/juice containers. The more items are broken down, the more that fits in the recycle bin, thus saving the Township and taxpayers money.

DATE FOR REMOVAL OF CEMETERY ITEMS: At the August 10, 2017 board meeting, we amended our Cemetery Ordinance to include dates for removing cemetery decorations in the Fall and Spring. Residents must remove all decorations by October 1 (Fall Season) and March 15 (Spring Season). This change was put in place to give the Township staff time to clean up the cemetery before the approaching seasons. In addition, we added language to clarify the price for burial of cremation remains.

BUILDING PERMIT FORMS & FEE SCHEDULE ONLINE: We have set up a tab on the Home page of our website that has both the Short & Long Building Permit forms. We also have listed the Fee Schedule so you will know how much your permit will cost.

NOTES FROM THE TOWNSHIP TREASURER (Janet Lackie): *FOR TAX SEASON:* My work days are Monday thru Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. July 1 thru September 14, and December 1 thru March 1. *FOR OFF SEASON:* My work days are Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. You may mail your check, pay in person, or by credit card. If paying by credit card, go to www.freemantwp.com and on the Home page scroll down to Treasurers Corner. Click there and a page comes up that you can input your street address or parcel #. Click that line and your bill will come up on the screen. Click PAY and input your credit card numbers. If you need to meet with me on my off hours or have questions, call me at 989-339-7715.

NOTES FROM THE TOWNSHIP CLERK (Julie Lightfoot): My work days/hours are Monday & Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. If you need to meet with me outside of my regular hours, please call 734-730-6222. Make sure to check out our website. We've made some additions to it and have updated a lot of information. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to email them to me at info@freemantwp.org. Also, don't forget to sign up for email notifications!

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:

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| Supervisor (Al Housler) – 989-588-3011 | Treasurer (Janet Lackie) – 989-588-2752 |
| Clerk (Julie Lightfoot) – 989-588-2752 | Trustee (Carol Barnett) – 989-588-4855 Trustee (Sandra Sable) – 248-494-1559 |
| Building Inspector (Werner Mantei) – 989-588-6780 | Zoning/Blight (Harold Logan) – 989-588-6400 |
| Assessor (Frank Gentz) – 989-389-0832 | County Commissioner/Lincoln Twp Fire Chief (Dale Majewski) – 989-588-9069 |
| Representative Jason Wentworth – 517-373-8962 | Senator Judy Emmons – 517-373-3760 |
| Animal Control – 989-539-3221 | Sheriff's Dept. (Non-Emergency) – 989-539-7166 |