

Portland Township News

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What's happening in Portland Township

- **Recycling:** On October 28 Portland and Danby Townships began our own once-per-month recycling program. Bins are located at Municipal Supply on the fourth Saturday and Sunday of the month. Because of the rural nature of the townships, curbside recycling isn't an option at this time. All residents received a mailed postcard in September that contained complete information. We're looking for volunteers to assist at the site. Call Chris Jensen (517) 647-2479.
- **Special Assessment District:** Portland Township and the residents of Stillmeadow Subdivision entered into a 20-year agreement that will provide funding to maintain their streets. The Township pays 1/3 of the costs; the property owners pay 2/3.
- **Road Improvements:** Among other projects, Portland Township paid \$200,000 toward the Divine Highway project in the spring of 2016. We contracted with Ionia County to spread 10,000 yards of gravel and put three applications of brine on the gravel roads this year.
- **Junk Ordinance Enforcement:** We continue the difficult and sometimes costly legal procedures to enforce our junk ordinance and reduce areas of blight in the township.
- **New Trustee:** Julius Platte retired from the Portland Township Board. He was replaced by Mark Simon. Thank you Julius for all of your years of service.



Visit our website

Our website contains a wealth of information. If you have questions about what's happening within Portland Township, be sure to look there first:

- Contact information for all elected officials
- Meeting schedules
- Public notices
- Ordinances
- Meeting minutes
- Current master plan
- Tax collection information
- Information on recycling, burning permits

Take a survey

Please take a few minutes to fill out the survey on the back of this newsletter. We can do a better job for you if we know how you feel about these topics. The survey is also available online. Look for the link on the homepage of our website or use this code to go directly to the survey.



These people can help you, too

Jeanne Vandersloot is our Zoning Administrator. Jeanne can guide you through the paperwork and processes of building projects. Contact her at (616) 897-4242 or zoningadmin@msn.com.

Dean and Jason Kohagen are our father/son team of assessors. Contact them at (517) 641-8900 or jkohagen@bsasoftware.com

Portland Township Board Meets 2nd Wednesday, 7:00 pm

Supervisor, Chris Jensen
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(517) 647-2479

Clerk, Charlene Keilen
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(517) 647-6643

Treasurer, Leanne Simon
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Trustee, Sue Vanlente
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(517) 575-8000

Trustee, Mark Simon
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(517) 647-4892

Planning Commission Meets first Wednesday of March, June, September and December at 7:00 pm

Chair, Cindy Selden
Secretary, Sue Vanlente
Hope Partlow
Bill Stegenga
Tony Dixon
Ross Schneider
Marcy Lay

Zoning Board of Appeals Annual Organizational Meeting second Wednesday of each January at 6:30 pm. Then as needed.

Chair, Tony Simon
Secretary, Kris Bond
Cindy Selden
Larry Pung
Julius Platte
Alternate, Eileen Main

Board of Review Meets in December, March, and July

Chris Jensen
Cindy Selden
Nick Sandborn
Vacancy
Alternate, Keith Baker