

November 2018

Otisco Twp

NEWSLETTER



NEW OTISCO TOWNSHIP HALL SIGN!!!!!!!



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Belding, Michigan 48809

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OR CURRENT OCCUPANT

From your Supervisor—Joe Daller

A General Election is scheduled for Tuesday November 6, 2018; which is after I write this, but is before you'll receive the newsletter. During this election those that vote will have an opportunity to vote either YES or NO on **State Proposal 18-1** which states the following:

A proposal initiated law to authorize and legalize possession, use and cultivation of marijuana products by individuals who are at least 21 years of age, and older, and commercial sales of marijuana through state-licensed retailers.

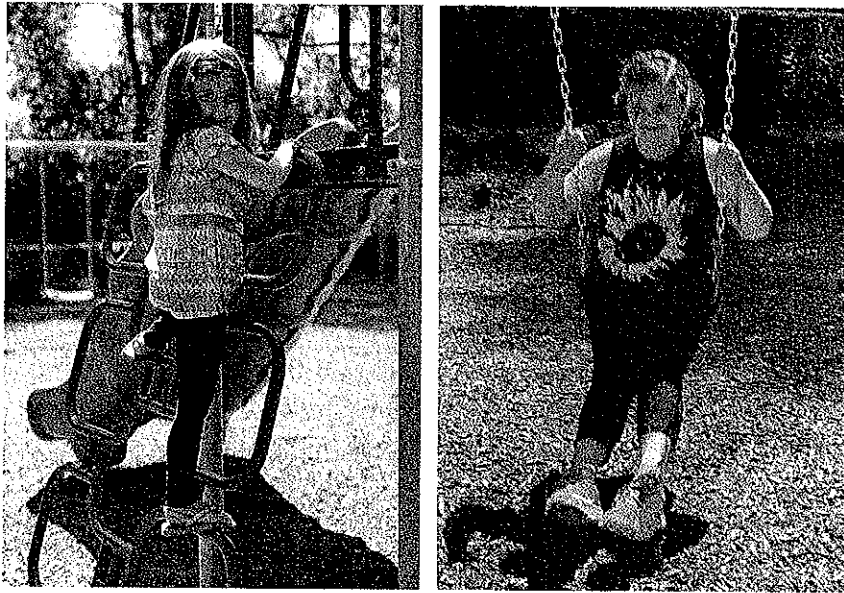
For your information should the initiative pass; the use of recreational marijuana will be allowed everywhere, however the Otisco Township Board is positioning the township to "Opt Out" of recreational marijuana "establishments" (facilities – growers, processors, provisioning centers, secure transporters and testing facilities) by ordinance.

Township Recreation!!!



Thank you everyone who participated and sent back the recreation survey that was in the last newsletter. The results were playground number one, picnic tables and covered pavilion coming in after that. The Board and the Planning commission worked hard on putting this together for the residents to enjoy. The playground has been a huge success!! We see children playing on it often and parents thanking us for putting it up. The picnic tables are very nice and situated throughout the property. We have a soccer net, baseball/kickball bases, basketball, Frisbee golf baskets and grills for a picnic to make an afternoon event for families. Next year will be the addition of horseshoe pits and corn hole. We will also be deciding on the pavilion. Suggestions for other recreation are always welcome.

New Playground Equipment!!!



**Kelsey and Lynzee Mogdis playing on the new equipment.
Photo and permission to print from mother Katelyn Mogdis.**



Zoning Administrator—Roger Vander Molen.

We are in the last couple of months of 2018 and it has been a busy spring and summer for the township. I have given out quite a few permits for either new construction and or re-modeling. Currently I am working Wednesdays and Thursdays. If those days do not work for you please give me a call and we can set up a different appointment for you. I will be taking off November 22 (Thanksgiving Day) and also November 28 and 29 as a vacation. I will be in the office other days to make sure all of the work is completed for the month.

November meeting: Planning Commission on the 7th

December meetings: Planning Commission on the 5th

Zoning Board of Appeals: on the 10th

Please remember: Zoning Compliance Permit Required –

Home Occupations : A home occupation shall include an occupation or profession carried on by a member of a family residing on the premises, which is clearly incidental and secondary to the principal single-family residential use and does not change the character thereof.

Conformance to Zoning. In accordance with other Township codes, ordinances and regulations duly adopted by the Township Board, and in accordance with this Ordinance, no building or land use activity shall hereafter be erected, relocated, altered, moved or expanded in its exterior dimension or use, and no excavation for any building shall be begun until a Zoning Compliance Permit has been issued; Zoning Compliance Permits are required prior to obtaining a county building permit.

If you have any questions concerning our zoning ordinances please feel free to stop in and see me or send me an email at zadmin@oticotwp.org or leave me a voice mail at 616-794-3506.

From the Clerk - Lynda Sower

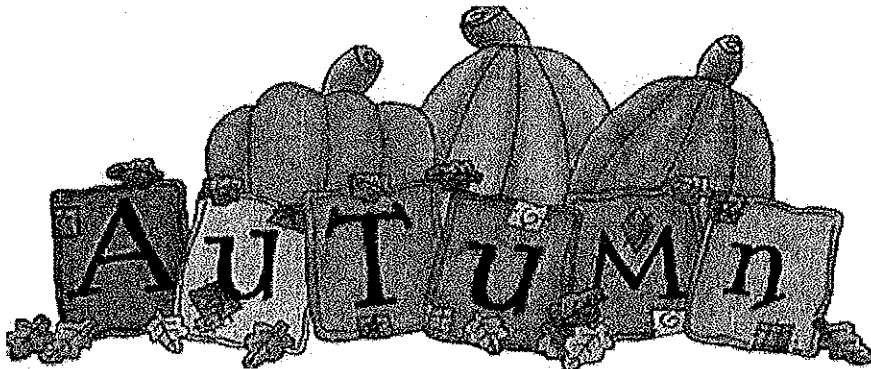
I would like to thank all the election workers that took time out of their busy schedules to work at the polls.

I also want to thank Ashley Baptist Church for the use of their facility, to have a nice place for people to come and vote.

I would like to thank all the residents that took the time to vote. Without all of these, elections would not be as successful.

A big THANK YOU to everyone.

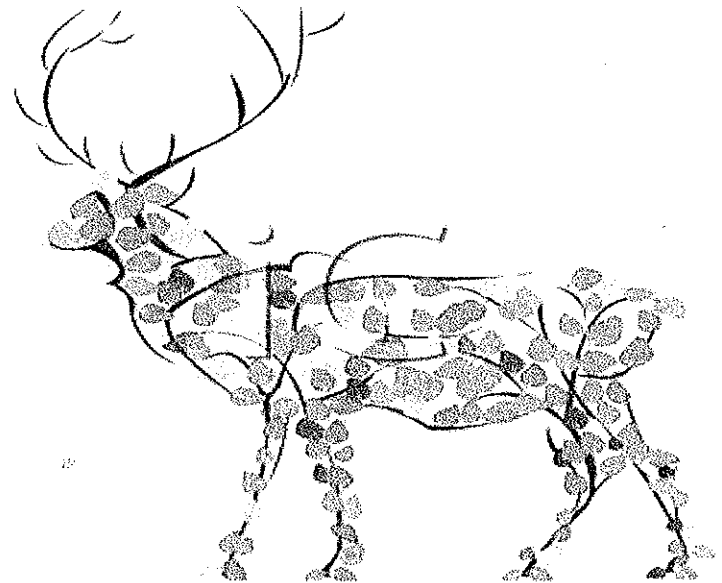
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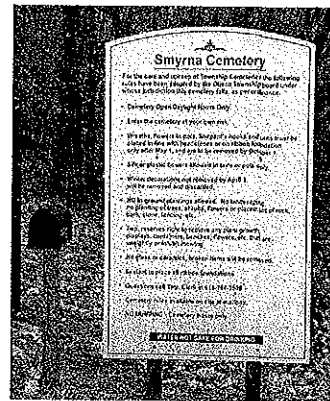
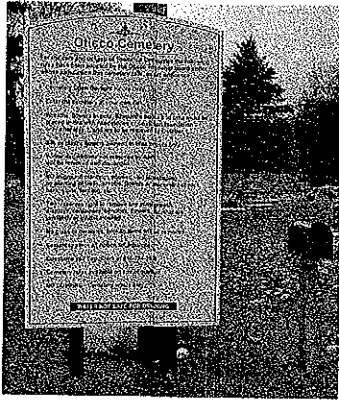
SPECIAL THANKS

Many people volunteered time and donated items to make the township hall grounds a fun place to do activities with children, families and friends.

A special thank you to **Joe Borek**, from **Borek Services**, for all the donated excavating for the playground. Thank you **Frank Mason** for the baseball bases, delivering picnic tables and volunteer hours setting everything up. Thank you **Todd Martin** from, **Old Skool Auto Repair**, for generously building and donating the Frisbee golf disc baskets and grills.



Improvements at Smyrna Cemetery



The Otisco Township Cemetery Committee is pleased to report that they are working towards the installation of a Columbarium to be located at the Smyrna Cemetery. Cremations are becoming the norm for burials in Michigan, with about 60% of all funerals statewide being cremations. Along with the Columbarium, which is a vault or structure with recesses to receive ashes of the dead; a Memorial Ash Garden is also planned for those who would prefer to scatter their loved ones ashes and have a memorial marker as a tribute to them. This is a multi-year plan. An illustration can be seen at the Township Hall.

Also you will notice a mail box located in both Otisco and Smyrna Cemeteries near each sign stating the cemetery rules, please feel to take a copy of the cemetery rules with you.

From Your Treasurer—Cara Johnson

I hope everyone is enjoying the Fall Season. I would like to take a moment to introduce **Paula Byrne**, as my new Deputy Treasurer. She brings with her experience from being the Deputy Supervisor and Deputy Treasurer for Paul Reeves/Joan Reeves and is a friendly familiar face to many residents in Smyrna. Please welcome her to the position.

WINTER TAXES are coming. You should receive your bill around Dec 1st. If for some reason you do not receive it, please contact me and I will send another one.

PLEASE NOTE: Hour changes for Winter Taxes.

We will be in the office to collect taxes on:

Tuesdays : 10:00 – 4:00 and **Fridays : 10:00 - 2:00.**

We will also be in on, Dec 28th 9:00-5:00 for those who wish to pay before the end of the year.

SOME TAX REMINDERS: Suggested method of payment is mail. We accept checks, money orders, and cash only. **NO CREDIT OR DEBIT CARDS.** If paying in **CASH**, please bring **EXACT** amount, we do not keep cash on hand to make change. If you miss us during office hours, please feel free to use drop box. **It is locked, secured,** and checked daily. As always, if I can help in anyway, please call, email or stop in the office to see me.

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Now Accepting:

METAL: Bottle caps, household metal, wire, industrial scrap.

PAPER: Box board, corrugated cardboard, mixed paper, newspaper, office paper.

PLASTIC: plastic bottles with symbol #1 are (ex: water) and #2 (ex: detergent)

ELECTRONICS: Cell phones, computers, printers, Small fee for CTR Monitors & TV's to properly recycle.

Where to bring it:

9663 Button Rd
Smyrna

When to bring it:

The 4th Saturday of the month
From 9:00 a.m. to Noon.

CONTACT US AT:
recycleionia@gmail.com



TOWNSHIP HOURS

Listed below are the regular scheduled office hours for the Otisco TWP Elected Officials for your information and use.

TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR – JOSEPH DALLER

Tuesdays and Thursdays – 5:30 to 7:30

supervisor@otiscotwp.org

TOWNSHIP CLERK – LYNDA SOWER

Mondays & Thursdays – 9:30 to 2:30

clerk@otiscotwp.org

TREASURER – CARA JOHNSON

Tuesdays – 10:00 to 4:00

Fridays—10:00 to 2:00

treasurer@otiscotwp.org

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR – ROGER VADERMOLEN

Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 to 3:00 and by Appointment

zadmin@otiscotwp.org

TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR – JUDY LINDBERG

Wednesdays – 9:30 to 12:00 (Except 5th Wed of Month)

judylinberg@hotmail.com

Please keep in mind that these officials positions responsibilities; training, elections, holidays, vacations, illness, etc. will on occasion require them to be out of the office during their regular scheduled office hours. It is my suggestion that anytime you wish to meet with one of them; you schedule an appointment with them, or at a minimum you call to confirm that they are indeed in the office on that day and at that time prior to making the drive to the township hall. You can contact them by the phone number and/or by the email address provided. Additionally each of the officials does have voicemail; so should you call during one of their absences or at a time when they are unable to get to the phone, please leave a detailed message with a return telephone number.