

Eveline Township News

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08525 Ferry Road, East Jordan, MI 49727

February 2020

EVELINE TOWNSHIP CLEAN UP DAY 2020

The date for the Eveline Township annual clean-up day has been set for **Saturday, June 20, 2020 from 8am-12noon.**

The two drop off sites are:

1. Charlevoix County Road Commission garage, 11705 Shaw Road, Charlevoix, MI.
2. Ridge Road, behind Whiting Park, Boyne City, MI.

The following items will **NOT** be accepted:

Any items containing freon, gas, oil or antifreeze
Engine or mechanical parts containing gas, oil or antifreeze
No liquid paint, no paint cans, no hazardous liquids
No tires or batteries
No yard waste, lawn clippings, tree branches or brush
No electronics, computers or printers, TV's, VCR's, DVD

players, radios, or game systems
No telephones, microwave ovens or other appliances
The above items should **not** be placed in a landfill.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) recycling will be done through the Charlevoix County Recycling Program. The dates for the 2020 spring HHW recycling event have been set for June 12 and 13, 2020.

Contact the Charlevoix County Recycling at 231-547-7221 for questions and to **schedule a time and location to drop off your hazardous waste.** Additional information on the 2020 HHW event may also be found at www.charlevoixcounty.org.

Thank you for participating in the Eveline Township clean up day and the Charlevoix County HHW event, and helping to keep our beautiful community clean.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Planning Commission is working on the Master Plan and Recreation Plan 5 year review. The Township has acquired some property and has possible opportunities to acquire additional property. Check the website for public input meeting opportunities regarding the Master Plan, Recreation Plan and uses for the acquired property. Planning Commission Meetings are held the Wednesday following the Tuesday Meeting of the Township Board of Trustees.

Chairperson: Denny Way, Vice Chairman Eric Beishlag
Members:: Prudence Kurtz, Kelly McGinn, Lorraine Sims

Board of Trustees

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Township Board of Trustee Meetings are held the Second Tuesday of each month at the Eveline Township Hall, 08525 Ferry Road at 7:00 p.m.

FROM THE TREASURER'S DESK

Office Hours

Monday thru Friday, other than holidays.
8:00 to 5:00, with limited availability on Saturdays. Messages and emails are returned within 24 hours. This is an in home office, so if you prefer to pay your taxes in person, you may do so by calling in advance. On the last day of each tax collection, September 14 for summer and February 14 for winter, office hours are held at the Township Hall from 9:30 to 4:30. In case the date falls on a holiday or weekend, the date will be the next business day. Office hours are also held one day during the last week of the year. The date and hours are reflected on the winter tax bill.

Winter 2019 Taxes are due on or before February 14, 2020. Penalty and interest, as noted on the tax bill, apply after that date. U.S. postmark is accepted. Note, after March 2, 2020, Taxes due must be paid through the County. Contact the County Treasurer's office at 231-547-7202 for amount due.

Tax Exemptions Available:

Disabled Veterans, full exemption for property owners who are veterans of the armed forces, were honorably discharged and have a 100% disability. Unmarried surviving spouses are also eligible.

Low Income Homeowners: homeowners with low income, subject to federal poverty levels and asset levels, may be eligible for an exemption from property taxes. Applies to principal residence only. Both exemptions require an annual application to be filed with the Township Assessor. Contact your Township Treasurer for qualification and application details.

Address changes and corrections are important toward assuring that your tax bills and other correspondence are received promptly. A change will be processed in the Township and County Equalization records by submitting a change request in writing directly to the Township Treasurer.

Questions raised after tax bills are issued, such as property valuation or Homestead/PRE status, are handled at either a July or December Board of Review held at the Township Hall. Such changes may result in a change to your tax bill and will be processed within a week of the Board of Review. If the Board of Review results in a change to the prior year, corrections will be processed by the County.

Mortgage Escrows:

Tax information is forwarded to your Bank or Mortgage Company upon their request. Please

note that many Companies process a check for Escrow Payments through a third party Service Agency and accordingly your Company's check date is earlier than when I am mailed the check.

Questions regarding Property Values,

Principal Residence Exemption or Board of Review Findings, should be directed to our Assessor, Joe Lavender, at 231-420-8420 or by e mail, upnorthassessor@gmail.com.

2020 Tax Bills

Summer bills mailed on or before July 1, 2020 and due on or before September 14, 2020.

Winter bills mailed on or before December 1, 2020 and due on or before February 15, 2021.

Ron Chapman, Treasurer

231-547-6724

evelinetreasurer@gmail.com

SHORT TERM RENTAL

Can a residential property owner in the township retain their principal residence property tax exemption if the owner rents the property for short-term rental purposes over the summer?

Pursuant to the Michigan Department of Treasury, the owner may not rent out their property for more than 14 days a year and retain the principal residence property tax exemption. Rental of the property for less than 15 days a year would entitle the owner to keep the principal residence exemption. In reaching this opinion, Treasury points to federal law that requires a residential property owner to declare the property as "rental property" on their tax return if they rent the residence out for more than 14 days a year.

A rental property is a commercially used property and cannot qualify for a principal residence exemption under Michigan law. An existing exemption would be rescinded as of December 31 of the year it is used as rental property.

2020 Election Information

Absent voter applications for those on the permanent absentee voter list will be mailed approximately six weeks prior to each election. If you would like to be added to the permanent absentee list please contact me.

A ballot will be mailed following receipt of the absentee voter application. Please indicate on the application the address the ballot should be mailed to if that address is different from the address where the application was received. It is helpful if the date you will be leaving Eveline Township is indicated on the application.

OFFICIAL BALLOTS CANNOT BE FORWARDED.

Please keep in mind mailing time is 2 to 7 days depending on where items are being sent to and from.

Please be sure to **sign and date both the application and the return ballot envelope**. An unsigned ballot cannot be submitted to election workers for counting.

I will be at the Township Hall from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. the Saturday before each election and from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on the Monday before each election.

Voters may also contact me with any questions or to request an absentee voter application. Request may be mailed to PO Box 496, East Jordan, MI 49727 or emailed to evelinetwpcclerk@gmail.com.

Current Election Information is available on the Eveline Township Website. From the home page click the election information button.

Additional Election Information can be found at www.michigan.gov/vote.

Sandi Whiteford, Eveline Township Clerk, 231-675-4426

2020 ELECTION DATES

MARCH 10
PRESIDENTIAL
PRIMARY

MAY 5
SPECIAL ELECTION

AUGUST 4
PRIMARY ELECTION

NOVEMBER 3
GENERAL ELECTION

Board of Review

Public Meeting Schedule
Mon, March 9, 3pm – 9pm
Thurs, March 12, 9am – 3pm

Eveline Township Hall
08525 Ferry Rd, East Jordan MI
49727

**Protests by mail must be
received on or before
March 11, 2020**

Mail To:
Board of Review
PO Box 496
East Jordan, MI 49727

Members: Nelson McDonald
Chris Carson, Fritz Healey

Township Hall Phone & Fax
231-459-4258

Appointed Officials

Property Assessor

Joe Lavender
350 S. Huron Street
Cheboygan, MI 49721
Phone: 231 420-8420
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upnorthassessor@gmail.com

Zoning Administrator

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evelinezoning@gmail.com



Permits and Applications

Printable permits and application forms are located on the township website (evelinetownship.org) under the heading - **Forms, Ordinances, Plans, and Maps** - choose **Township Forms** from the drop down menu. After completing the application form, please mail *the application, check for associated fees made payable to Eveline Township, and any additional information requested to:*

Eveline Township Zoning Administrator
P. O. Box 496
East Jordan, MI 49727.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

A Wreaths Across America ceremony, to honor U.S. veterans in Eveline Township Cemetery, took place on December 14, 2019 at 12 noon. 47 Veterans were honored with a wreath placement upon their gravesite, speaking the veteran's name and thanking each veteran for their service. A wreath was also placed on the cemetery fence for each branch of the military and the POW's.

We wish to thank Christine Brown, Eveline Township resident, who has organized the ceremony in Eveline Township Cemetery for the past two years, as well as the residents who participated in honoring our veterans on this day.

You can sponsor a wreath for only \$15.00 by going to website www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/M10125 or contact Christine Brown with any questions 582-9337.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

**Interested in becoming involved
in the Township?
Contact a member of the
Board of Trustees.**

ABSENT VOTER: Any registered voter may request an AV ballot by submitting a signed request to their local clerk. A voter can request to be placed on a permanent absent voter list. This assures the voter will receive an AV Application prior to every election.

PARK MILLAGE FUNDS AT WORK

Following successful submission of the 2019 Park Millage Fund Application, Eveline Township was awarded park millage funds to purchase and install picnic tables, park benches and bicycle racks at both the Washington St. road end and Bracey Rd. road end. Both of these road ends have lake access at which you can now enjoy a picnic, watch a beautiful sunset over Lake Charlevoix or take a break after an invigorating walk or bicycle ride. Please use these sites responsibly so that all may use and enjoy.

It's time to get REAL

A message from Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson

Your Michigan driver's license or identification card may not get you through airport security later this year.

Oct. 1 is when the federal government will fully enforce the post-9/11 REAL ID Act, and standard state-issued driver's licenses and identification cards will no longer be accepted to board domestic flights within the United States, or when entering certain federal facilities, such as military bases or nuclear power plants.

Many people already have a REAL ID document, such as a valid U.S. passport, a DHS Trusted Traveler Card or an Enhanced Driver's License. A full list of acceptable REAL ID documents is available at TSA.gov. Those who don't can make their Michigan license or identification REAL ID-compliant by visiting a Secretary of State branch office and presenting the required documents. And, if you make an appointment, you'll be in and out in 30 minutes or less.

Here's what you need to do to get a REAL ID:

- To schedule an appointment at one of our branch offices visit Michigan.gov/SOSAppointments or calling 888-SOS-MICH. You can make your appointment at any branch in the state, and you don't need to have a renewal mailer to do so. Some branches fill up fast, so book your appointment a few weeks in advance of when plan to travel. Your REAL ID license or state ID card will be mailed to you.
- Bring your driver's license or state identification card.
- Bring your certified birth certificate, with a raised seal or stamp issued by a governmental agency; your valid, unexpired U.S. passport; or an approved citizenship or legal presence document. (Faxes and photocopies won't be accepted.)
- If your name differs from what is on your birth certificate, bring certified documents for every time your name has changed, such as marriage licenses or court orders.

There's no additional fee to turn a license or state ID card into a standard REAL ID if it's done during your normal renewal time; otherwise a duplicate card fee of \$9 or \$10 will be charged.

For more information, visit Michigan.gov/RealID.