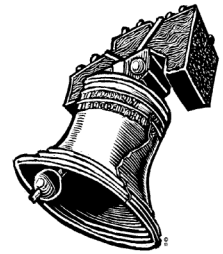




The Pierson Township News Winter 2011-2012



Did you know? As soon as the weather breaks in the spring, MDOT will begin to resurface US131 from just N of the Cannonsville Exit to just N of the M-46 E Exit. Work will begin on the N bound lane, followed by the S bound lane. The Exits at Howard City mile marker 118 and M-46 marker 120 will be closed in conjunction with the side they are working on. Additionally, Exit 114 which is Cannonsville Rd will become the primary route for E and W bound M-46 and also will be the only way to access Howard City during the project. Questions should be directed to the Montcalm County Road Commission at 989-831-5285.

From the Assessor's Office: Tom Doane

Just A Few Things For The Upcoming Year:

Important information you need to know: I would like to explain the Principal Residence Exemption (PRE), or you may know this as the Homestead Exemption. If you reside in your home as a permanent residence please make sure your PRE is listed as 100%. Places to look for this information would be your 2011 Tax Bill or the February Assessment Notice you will be receiving. To qualify for 2011 you must own and occupy the property by May1,2011. If you moved in or purchased after that date, you would not qualify until the next year. This also includes adjacent parcels that are vacant or have a garage w/o living quarters only. **Also note that this only applies once unless your residence status changes.** If you have additional questions please contact the Assessor at 616-636-8570.

Consumers Price Index (CPI): The State released the new CPI for the 2012 tax year at 2.7%. This number is used in calculating the taxable value and varies from year to year. This is especially significant if you still have a gap in value between the assessed and taxable value. If the gap exists, your taxable value will increase by that percentage, which means a tax increase 2012. Again, if you have questions please contact the Assessor.

2012 Assessments will be in the mail in February and the March Board of Review will hear appeals the week of March 13. Specific dates and times will be on the Assessment Change Notice if you want to make an appointment.

TOWNSHIP HALL OFFICE HOURS

TUE ,WED .& THURS
10:00 A.M. – 3 P.M.

616-636-8570

FAX: 616-636-4911

Twp Clerk

Brooke Scott
clerk@piersontwp.org

ZONING HOURS

Brooke Scott
Tue & Thurs
10 A.M. – 3 P.M.
zoning@piersontwp.org

ASSESSOR HOURS

Tom Doane
Wed: 4:30 P.M.-6:30 P.M.
Thurs: 1 P.M. – 5 P.M.
assessor@piersontwp.org

TREASURER HOURS

J Scott Vukin
Tuesdays 10 A.M. - 3 P.M.
12/27/11, 2/14 & 2/29/11
9 A.M.—5 P.M.
treasurer@piersontwp.org

SUPERVISOR HOURS

Brian Longcore
Tuesdays 10A.M.-3P.M
Also by appointment
supervisor@piersontwp.org

TRUSTEES:

Bill Bryant-Rd Committee
Sewer Advisory Committee

Gerard Bogner -
Planning Commission

New Howard City Recycling Site Opens!!

The Montcalm County Solid Waste Management Committee (SWMC), in conjunction with the Howard City Downtown Development Authority, is very pleased to announce the opening of a new, unmanned, recycle drop off facility in Howard City. The facility is located in the northeast corner of the Leppink's parking lot, located at 730 West Shaw Street. The site will be open for 24 hours a day for convenient access to area residents to drop off recyclable goods.

The types of recyclables that will be accepted at this site include: clean plastic #1-7, metal cans, glass bottles and paper products. **Products do not need to be separated to use this site.**

For questions, please contact Jacob Rytlewski, Resource Recovery Coordinator at 989-831-7504.

The new brochures are available at the township hall or you can get them online at www.montcalm.org.

All meetings listed are held at the Pierson Township Hall at 7 P.M. unless noted. The Hall is located at 21156 Cannonsville Rd. just off the 131 expressway Pierson exit.

The mailing address is P.O. Box 109, Pierson, MI 49339 <http://www.simplesite.com/piersontwp>

For a video tour of Montcalm County , go to www.montcalm.org and look on the left hand side of the home page to see a link where you can click and it will take you on a really neat video tour of your county. Check it out!!

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 ★ **Winter News & Views, by J Scott Vukin, Pierson Township Treasurer**
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 ★ As I sit down to work on this issue of the newsletter; I've just learned that a former Township Supervisor from the early 1990's,
 ★ **Ed Sagorski**, passed away November 12, 2011. Ed was a no-nonsense Supervisor and he used a baseball bat (albeit a small
 ★ one) to preside over Township Board meetings. I have seen him several times over the years since we were on the board to-
 ★ gether and his ready smile, hearty greeting and firm handshake along with everything else that made Ed-Ed will be sorely
 ★ missed. God Bless his wife Barb and their family. Thanks for your service to the township, Ed. It was a pleasure working with
 ★ you.
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 ★ With a new tax season upon us, I would remind everyone that I **do accept partial payments** on both winter and summer
 ★ taxes. You can send a payment of any amount anytime after you receive your tax bill. I also would like to call your attention to
 ★ the fact that additional charges are added after the 14th of February for winter tax bills. I also accept postmarks as date of pay-
 ★ ments. We send all taxpayers a receipt. It is not necessary to include a SASE with your payment.
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 ★ I am usually in the office every Tuesday from 10am to 3pm to receive payments and answer questions during tax season. Ad-
 ★ ditionally, I will be in the office from 9am to 5pm Tuesday the 27th of December, Tuesday the 14th of February and Wednes-
 ★ day the 29th of February. As of March 1st all payments must go to the County Treasurer's office. As a matter of information,
 ★ the tax payment history on the County website is not always up to date or 100% accurate. For the most current information on
 ★ 2011 taxes just call me at 616-636-8570. If I am not in just leave a message and I will get back with you. During tax season I
 ★ am in the Hall multiple times during the week and I do check my messages. Also, my deputy, Kay Gravelyn can help you.
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 ★ **2011 December Board of Review meets the week of December 13th.** This BOR meets to correct errors and omissions.
 ★ Please look over your tax bill carefully for any errors. You can address your questions to the assessor or myself and I can get
 ★ the info to him. If you miss this BOR you will have to wait until the July BOR to get things corrected, such as your Principle
 ★ Residence Exemption.
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 ★ As we move way too rapidly through this Holiday Season, take a moment to reflect on the message accompanying the birth of
 ★ the Babe of Bethlehem some 2000 years ago; Peace on Earth; Good Will Toward Men. May you experience the Peace, Joy
 ★ and Love the Season represents. From my family to yours a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year. Please pray for
 ★ our Nation and troops everywhere, you might send a little Christmas gift to an organization like VFW, Wounded Warrior Pro-
 ★ ject, American Legion, Help Hospitalized Vets or any of many others. **J Scott Vukin, Pierson Township Treasurer**
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From The Desk of The Supervisor:

Just a quick note to let you know what we have been doing this past year and what we plan on doing this coming year. We have been working very closely with the County Road Commission to upgrade and maintain our road system with limited funds. I believe we are doing a good job and will continue to fix more roads next year. We are looking to build an addition to the Twp Hall starting next spring if all goes well and it looks like it is. There still is some work to be finished in our cemetery clean-up. We will begin in the spring as weather permits. We are always looking for volunteers for our various committees! (Both work & advisory) Call or stop in to see me if you have any questions or problems, maybe I can help you out! (Tuesdays 10-3)

Brian Longcore, Township Supervisor



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 2012 FREE Dump Days for Pierson Townships land owners are 6/12/2012 and 9/8/2012.
 If you are new to the township call about your special rates for trash pickup.
 FREE rates are also available! Allied Waste 616-636-4096 Twp Hall 616-636-8570



From The Cemetery Administrator: Connie Boon:

The Pierson Cemetery improvements have moved along nicely this past year. A grateful thank you to faithful volunteers who repaired and reset some very old headstones. They also straightened some that were leaning. There's more to be done. If ever you're inspired to help please call. Planting a few trees is the goal for next year. Please be aware of the posted rules and help us keep the cemetery a beautiful place. Thanks, Connie 616-696-3237.