

# Springvale Township Newsletter 2023



## Supervisor Notes:

### GREETINGS FROM BEAUTIFUL SPRINGVALE TOWNSHIP

The Township board has been active this year in overseeing special projects:

- Our long-neglected Township Park on Township Park Rd. has had a summer-long renovation and is now nearing completion. Much of the cost was covered by grant funding from Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation which was secured by resident DeKevin Thornton. Duane Dunshee (also our Sexton) and DeKevin spent many man-hours putting all the pieces together managing the project. Many local contractors were employed to work their magic in the renovation. A visit next Spring will allow you a look at a recreation site our township should be proud of.
- New wells were drilled at Joy and Curtiss Cemeteries to replace the no-longer useable old wells. This will provide available water for grave-site plantings and watering of cemetery grounds. A third well was drilled adjacent to the main Fire Hall to improve water availability in fire emergencies. It has a larger diameter pipe and was drilled much deeper than the current well and provides a considerably higher rate of water flow in order to more quickly refill the underground water reservoir used by the Fire Department.
- Also, Springvale Fire Department has expanded its water supply access at Joy Cemetery. The new well is connected to a newly fabricated and buried 12,000 gallon water storage tank to enable on-demand water access at that location for firefighting purposes.

Please note that the recycle bin system is being abused by some. Recycled materials are not always being placed in the proper bin and “just plain” trash is thrown into a bin or left on the ground. **PLEASE NO HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE** or large items that do not fit in the receptacle. NOTE: ***This area is being monitored by camera's.*** Also, some boxes have been left sitting on the ground instead of cutting to size and inserting them into the proper recycle bin. At times the recycle area is a real eyesore of discarded trash.

We are all aware that the Township is a team enterprise and works at its best when Township residents are involved, either as employees or as volunteers contributing time and skills. This being said, the Township would invite our residents to communicate their interest or availability for appointment to any of numerous committees and groups that allow our Township to function smoothly. A simple call to me or the Township office and we can make you aware of options to exercise your civic duty in joining our Township team.

Thank you and I hope to hear from you soon,

Randy McCune, Township Supervisor

## Note from your Township Clerk:

With important elections on the horizon in 2024 please be aware that the State of Michigan has issued a clearly-marked ballot box for the return of **Absent Voter Ballot Applications and Ballots**. This is located next the mailbox on the Township driveway. The drop box slot will be unlocked prior to an election and locked afterward.

The previously used brown, metal locked box (on the opposite side of the mailbox on the driveway) will be strictly for the return of **taxes** and **all other miscellaneous materials** being hand- delivered to Springvale Township

**\*Our board passed a Firework's Ordinance that puts some teeth into the thoughtless and untimely use of loud fireworks during celebratory times of the year. The New Year's celebration is soon to be upon us. Please abide by this Ordinance, which is located on our website. Thank You!!**

## Treasurer Info:

Tax bills are sent out every July 1<sup>st</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup> of the year. If you do not receive your tax bills within these months, please call Dawn DeRue, Treasurer. The **LAST DAY** to pay 2023 Winter property taxes without incurring interest is February 14, 2024. We do accept Summer taxes here in the office until 2/14/24 with interest accruing monthly. The **LAST DAY** to pay 2023 property taxes before they are **returned delinquent is February 28, 2024**. **On March 1<sup>st</sup> 2024, all unpaid taxes need to be paid to the Emmet County Treasurer.**

Please make out your **tax payment check for the exact amount owed**. If paying by cash, the exact amount can only be collected. When paying taxes **after** the due date, please call Dawn DeRue; Treasurer at 231-347-3077 or email her for the exact total due. Please include your phone number on your check. If you qualify for a tax deferral (Deferment of Summer Taxes) or a Veteran's Exemption, applications are available in the office or online. **Also, if you would like a receipt please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope** with your payment. A **drop box** is located near the mailbox at the hall for your convenience.

Pick up your free **voucher** (per parcel #) for larger items to go to the Transfer Station on Tuesday's from 9 AM-1PM. or can be mailed if requested.

The Emmet County Recycling Center phone # is **231-348-0640** if questions.

\* Please check out our **Little Free Library** outside the Township hall entrance. Donations are always welcome \*

## **FIREMAN'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY:**

**Mark your calendar: Friday December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Please arrive promptly as Santa will be coming!!! Remember your camera=Pictures with Santa +Toys and Candy!!**

It's that time of year again, so make sure your chimneys are clean before starting a fire, and please check/replace your batteries in your smoke detectors!

Also, our Fire Department is **accepting applications** for new recruits. Please contact Fire Chief, Ed Sutfin for details.

**Board Meetings** are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month and the **Planning Committee Meetings** are held the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month at the Springvale Town Hall. Meetings begin at 7:00 P.M.

We have **2** cemeteries in Springvale Township; **Curtiss Cemetery** off of Ellsworth Road and **Joy Cemetery** off of Maxwell Road. If there are any individuals buried in either cemetery that were veterans and do not have proper recognition, please contact Pat McCune at [clerk@springvaletownship.org](mailto:clerk@springvaletownship.org) so we can recognize their service with a flag and/or bronze plaque. There is no cost for this as the VA covers it. For any additional information regarding pricing and general rules please call the Town Hall at 347-3077 or the Sexton, Duane Dunshee 231-838-6183.

**Blight** issues can be directed to our OEO officer, Becky Fettig. She can be reached by email [oeo@springvaletownship.org](mailto:oeo@springvaletownship.org) or call 231-548-5344.

*If you need a **Notary at no charge**; call Dawn DeRue, Treasurer, at the Township office for hours of availability.*

The **Township Hall is available** to Springvale residents for a fee of \$50. A deposit of \$50 will also be required and returned after hall inspection. To reserve your date, please call **347-3077**. You may visit the web site to download and fill out the agreement forms.

**Our Website address : [springvaletownship.org](http://springvaletownship.org)**

## Springvale Township Hall Directory

**TREASURER: Tuesdays 9 A.M. – 1 P.M./ ASSESSOR: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays 4 P.M.- 8 P.M.**

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