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# A PERIODIC REPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF WAYLAND TOWNSHIP

## FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERVISOR

Greetings to all the great citizens of Wayland Township. I hope you are enjoying the beautiful Michigan summer.

I would like to inform you of three very important items you will see on the August 6<sup>th</sup> ballot this summer.

1st - Recycling – We have seen our costs increase since we started the recycling program, and the Township has covered the overrun on cost for many years. At the present time, we find we need to request an increase from \$25 to \$50 per year. Residents will not have an option to opt out of the recycling program. All other participating townships in Allegan County charge \$50 so we must either increase our rate, or no longer offer recycling through the Township.

2<sup>nd</sup> - Fire and Ambulance Millage – We are requesting one (1) mill to help with the rising cost of fire and ambulance protection. An increase of 1 mill will not completely cover the increase, but it will help.

3<sup>rd</sup> – Road Repair Millage – We are requesting one (1) mill to pay for road repairs. I think everyone can agree, roads are bad everywhere. In the past, we have used revenue sharing from the casino to rebuild and repair the roads, but in the past 10 years, the cost for rebuilding a mile of road has nearly doubled and revenues are no longer enough to cover all the repairs that are needed.

While no one wants their taxes to increase, these are items that cannot be ignored. We all want the Township to be a safe place to live, work and raise our families, so please join me in voting YES on these proposals on August 6<sup>th</sup>.

It is an honor and privilege to serve as your Township Supervisor for so many years and thank you for making Wayland Township a wonderful place to live.

Sincerely, Roger VanVolkinburg

## **ELECTIONS - 2024**

**Election Update from the Clerk** 

The <u>Primary Election</u> will take place on Tuesday, August 6, 2024. The Township office will be open from 7:00 am until 8:00 pm on Election Day. Early Voting will take place 9 days prior to Election Day and begins on Saturday July 27 through Sunday, August 4, 2024. Early Voting will be held at the Wayland Township Hall from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

The <u>General Election</u> will take place on Tuesday, November 5, 2024. The Township office will be open from 7:00 am until 8:00 pm on Election Day. Early Voting will take place 9 days prior to Election Day and begins on Saturday, October 26, and goes through Sunday, November 3, 2024. Early voting will be held at the Wayland Township Hall from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Absentee Ballot Voting is still available. You can sign up for a Permanent Absentee Ballot OR submit to receive an Absent Voter Ballot Application each time an election is held. Many voters have already signed up for one of the above, but if you have not, you may do so by contacting the Township Clerk.

If you have any questions, please contact Ann McInerney, Clerk at mcinerneya@waytwp.org OR call (269) 792-6394.

#### HENIKA DISTRICT LIBRARY

There is an opening on the Henika District Library Board for a Township resident. Please talk to Ann McInerney, Township Clerk <a href="mailto:mcinerneya@waytwp.org">mcinerneya@waytwp.org</a> OR stop in at Henika and see Cierra, Library Director at 149 S. Main Street, Wayland MI 49348. The Township and the City each have four (4) board members representing the almost 8,000 individuals it serves.

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#### TAX NEWS FROM THE TREASURER

### Sue Kamyszek 269-792-0410

#### Treasurer's Office Hours:

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, or by appointment. Additional hours from 9:00 - 5:00 p.m., on September 16, 2024, December 30, 2024, February 14, 2025, and February 28, 2025.

Summer tax bills are mailed on July 1st.
Winter tax bills are mailed on December 1st.

You can mail your tax payments to the address listed on your tax bills, OR there is a drop box located at the entrance of the Township offices. You may also pay online at waytwp.org, where a 3% processing fee is added.

Summer taxes are due on September 16<sup>th</sup> by 5:00 pm. Postmark dates are no longer accepted and 1% interest is added per month after September 16<sup>th</sup>.

Winter taxes are due February 14<sup>th</sup> by 5:00 pm. Postmark dates are no longer accepted, and a 3% penalty is added after February 14<sup>th</sup>. After March 1, 2025, all property taxes must be paid to the Allegan County Treasurer (269) 673-0260.

You can search property tax records and find additional property information at allegancounty.org.

Note: An after hours drop box is located outside the front entrance of the Township Hall. Postmark dates are no longer accepted as on time. Tax payments must be received by 5pm at the end of business day on the due date noted on your tax bill to avoid interest and or penalties. For credit card payments please allow two (2) business days for processing.

# WAYLAND TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY

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WEB: www.waytwp.org
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Phone Number: 269.792.6394 FAX: 269.792.0366
The Township Board meets the first Monday of each month at 6:30p.m, Planning Commission meets the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30p.m.

## **Important Phone Numbers:**

Roger VanVolkinburg, Supervisor	616 299.0482
Ann McInerney, Clerk & Sexton	269 792.6394
Sue Kamyszek, Treasurer	269 792.0410
Matt Miner, Trustee	616 262.8086
Jim Stein, Trustee	616 293 5517
Heather Mitchell, Assessor	269 978.8274
PCI, Zoning Administrator	616 877 2000
Bob Fryling, Planning Comm. Chair	269 484 4041
Deb Nardin, Planning Comm. Secretary	616 437-2639

## **123NET**

123NET is excited to announce an important project aimed at bringing high-speed internet to your community, as part of the large county-wide broadband project and the public-private partnership between Allegan County and 123NET.

Thank you for your patience and support as we are working on this significant project. If you have any questions or need further information, please do not he sitate to contact us.

123NET General Number – 888.440.0123 Construction Hotline – 616.608.9654 Check Availability – <u>www.123net/Allegan-County</u>

