



# WHEATLAND TOWNSHIP 2020 SUMMER NEWSLETTER

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<p>Wheatland Township                  Treasurer, <b>Amy Snyder</b>                  (Home Office)                  213 Church St.                  P.O. Box 48                  Remus, MI 49340                  989-309-0754  <a href="mailto:asnyder@casair.net">asnyder@casair.net</a></p>	<p>WHEN PAYING YOUR TAXES... MAKE SURE TO HAVE YOUR TAX INVOICE (THAT YOU RECEIVE WITH THIS NEWSLETTER) INCLUDED WITH YOUR PAYMENT. PLEASE ALLOW A 10 DAY TURN AROUND FOR YOUR TAXES (Check or Cash) TO BE DEPOSITED. IF YOU WANT A RECEIPT PLEASE INCLUDE A STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE WITH YOUR PAYMENT.  <b>There will be an automatic receipt for Drop Box Users.</b></p>	<p>Taxes can be mailed to Amy Snyder OR Dropped in our Drop Box Located at the Township Hall South entrance.</p> <p><b>In Person Tax Collection:</b>  <b>September 14, 2020 9a-5p</b>  <b>213 Church St, Remus</b></p>
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<p>Our Library Staff, Becky, Diane, Sue, Julie and Wendy are so happy to be back to "the new normal" with the library being open for business. Please visit them.</p>		<p>Library Hours will be:                  Tuesday – Friday                  9:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m.                  CLOSED Sat Sun Mon                  The Library Offers:                  A Copier, Fax Machine,                  Laminator and Computer for                  Public Use</p>	
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**Wheatland Fire and Rescue** is proud to announce that we have 21 active members who serve Wheatland and other local townships. We have been very busy attending drive by parades for birthdays to show township members our support during these Corona virus times. If someone you know is still staying at home and you want to put on a safe birthday parade please let us know and we will try to join in. On March 21<sup>st</sup> we took possession of a new Rescue truck. Our old truck was a 1999 model and was requiring a great deal of maintenance to keep in service, so the township authorized the purchase of a new truck back in the fall of 2019. The department has responded to 107 calls so far this year. With the Corona virus pandemic we have had to take extra precautions when responding to rescues, but are happy to report that no one on the department has come down with the virus. However, due to the Corona virus, classes for firemen were postponed for 2 of our members. With the Stay at Home order being lifted recently they do hope to be able to finish the class soon, take their test, and thus become state certified to fight fires. We are still seeking new members, so if you would like to make a difference, like to help people, and serve your community please join us. Wheatland Township Fire Department currently has openings for fire fighters, and medical first responders, and we would love new members. As of Jan 1, we have gained 3 new members, and the more members the more service we can provide to our township and local area. If interested please join us at a meeting any Thursday night at 7pm at the Wheatland Township Fire Department.

**CLEAN SWEEP AND HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL IN LAKE, MECOSTA & OSCEOLA COUNTIES**

Will take place at the Chippewa Hills High School on Saturday, October 10, 2020  
 Please call 231-796-0909 M-F 8a-4p website [www.mecostaed.org](http://www.mecostaed.org). We will also put information on our website [remus.org](http://remus.org) when more information about the disposal is available.  
 Please take advantage of this service to help keep our township beautifully clean.

**Cemetery Reminders:** Please make sure to notify the twp. when you want a foundation put in or want to bury cremains at our twp. cemeteries, so our maintenance person can approve and mark the correct area. Also, when your family buries a loved one please make sure the twp. gets a copy of the death certificate or burial permit (for our records). Please call our office to purchase a plot in our cemeteries. See [Remus.org](http://Remus.org) for a copy of our Cemetery Policy.

**ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATIONS.....** Please know that there is nothing illegal with sending people these applications in the mail. It offers you the opportunity to vote at home. It is your choice to send it back or not. If you send the application back, we will send you the ballot for the Aug. Election through the mail. You may either mail the ballot back or put it in our drop box which is located at the main entrance of the twp. hall. With that being said the Covid 19 numbers in Michigan continue to fall, if numbers should take a spike this fall and we get another "Stay at home" order we will all be asked to vote from home in November. I'm not saying it's going to happen; I'm saying it's a possibility. For those of you who have never participated in voting from home before, you may want to try it in the Aug. Election to see how it goes for you. On our end, we have a very strict procedure with how to process AV (Absentee Voter) Ballots and your privacy is our top concern. All Twp. Clerks were asked to get applications out to voters who were on our Permanent AV List and all other registered voters are supposed to receive an application from the Secretary of State. If you happen to get multiple applications' PLEASE only fill ONE out and send it back to our Office at the township (Wheatland Twp. Box 229 Remus MI 49340). If you have not received an Absentee Ballot Application and would like one you may call our office at 989-967-8252 and request one OR you may get on line and print off an application ([google MI Absentee Ballot Application](#) and click onto the PDF link).

**A reminder to all residents who live in town.... PLEASE DO NOT** rake your leaves into the streets as we do not have a pick up for them and they are filling up our storm sewer drains. Please bag them and discard them elsewhere. Thank you for your help with this matter.

**YOU COUNT!!!!!!** If you have not filled out your census form for your family you will be receiving a visit from a Census Worker to help complete this. We NEED ALL residents in Wheatland Township to be counted. This helps our township receive certain funding from the Federal Government. PLEASE do your part to help keep Wheatland Twp. thriving.

**M-DOT RESURFACING IN REMUS....** This job should be close to being complete by the time you receive this newsletter. We know many people are saying fix our side roads as they are worse than M-66 & M-20. M-DOT (Michigan Dept. of Transportation) takes care of M Roads and the Township/County are responsible for our Township Roads. The Twp. Rd Fund is growing however with the cost of \$180,000 to pave one mile of rd. and with \$155,566 in our Rd Fund (RD fund passed a 1 mill in 2016 which we collect \$43,000 a year) and pay out \$8,000- \$10,000 a year for Road Brining and Snow Removal we are not able to pave at this point.

**Sewer Rate Analysis...** As mentioned in the Winter Newsletter our Sewer Rate Analysis is underway. There will be an inevitable increase in sewer rates which will help the twp. (residents living in the business district of Remus) with a 3-5 year plan to help better maintain the sewer system.

**ELECTION:** August 4, 2020 Primary Election. This election will be for Twp. Board Members, Congress, and Legislative and County positions. Get out and vote or call the office for an Absentee application. This will be a Partisan Election and you can only vote one party.

**PLEASE WATCH ELECTRONIC SIGN FOR ANY TOWNSHIP HAPPENINGS.**

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