

# Newsletter

April 1, 2014

## Office hours

Monday—CLOSED

Tuesday 8am to 2pm

Wed. 8am to 2pm

Thurs. 8am to 2pm

Friday 8am to noon

**We do not close for  
a lunch hour.**

## Supervisor Update

~**Wheeler Trash Service**—it has been a rough winter and there have been a lot of missed trash pickups due to the drifting snow, bad roads and trucks not able to pickup safely. This Winter has been one of the worst that I have seen in many years. At the end of 2014 Wheeler's contract with the Mid Michigan Waste Authority will expire, as well as the contract the Waste Authority has with Waste Management who picks up our trash. The Waste Authority is now in the process of renegotiating a new contract and are getting bids. Because we have some 35 Municipalities in the Waste Authority we have a lot of bargaining power. They are looking to provide residents with bins on wheels for both recycling and trash. At this time we do not have any information to provide residents on a new agreement or if there will be any change in cost but we are hoping to give all residents op-

tions on the number and size of bins that they may use for the trucks to pick up. The reason they are looking to use bins now is they are easier and safer to handle and the drivers have less accidents and back injuries. We will be finding out more about this as the year progresses. For now just keep putting out bags for trash pickup and the green bins for recycles.

~**Township Roads**—This year in our February meeting with the Road Commission we discussed at some length the condition of roads in the Township and in the County. Our Road Commission is being forced to operate with a budget that has just about the same amount of money as they received 10 years ago. Because of the increased cost in road maintenance for snow, truck repairs and overtime this year they will be running short again. There is NO money available to do extra

projects like repaving etc. Your Township contributes 80% of the cost of graveling so even with the additional monies we received from the wind turbine taxes we can only gravel about 10 miles per year. Last year the county used wind Turbine money to tar and seal coat quite a few miles in our township which helped preserve the asphalt roads, but it doesn't smooth out the bumps. We have been trying to get some additional millage approved for roads but in the last two elections the voters turned it down. We will be trying again this year to get 1 mill approved so we can have some additional funds for road improvements.

Jerry Rohde

## Treasurer's Notice

Partial payments are accepted any time after the tax bill is received. Gratiot County Treasurer and the Village of Breckenridge also accepts partial payments.

2014 Summer Taxes will be mailed out the first week of July and will be due on September 14, 2014. Followed by the 2014 Winter Taxes which will come

out the first week in December and those becoming due on February 14, 2015. After February 14 2014 Winter taxes can still be paid with a penalty at the Township Treasurers Office up until February 28th.

**REMINDER** after February 28th taxes can no longer be accepted at the Township Office and will need to be paid at Gra-

by Sharon Schall  
Gratiot County Treasurers Office in  
Ithaca.

\*Important Dates to Remember\*

September 14, 2014

Summer Taxes Due

February 14, 2015

Winter Taxes Due



### Cemetery News

\*We have been having some vandalizing and flags that have come up missing within the last 6 months. A report has been submitted to the County Sheriff.

\*Parents please inform your children that a cemetery is not a place to play in and to be respectful of all things in the cemetery.

\*Please respect the people and their possessions in the Cemetery. They have chosen to be buried there because they were passionate about Wheeler.

\*Please don't place any items or flowers on gravesites until after May 1st.

\*Looking to do some major maintenance at the Cemetery this summer. Trimming of trees and scrubs. Maintenance on the buildings and hopefully some work on old gravestone markers that need some attention.

\*Grants are being sought to help with the funding to

maintain the cemetery for many more years.

#### Lots sell for \$200.00

On 1 lot you may bury 1 body and up to 2 cremations or just 4 cremations.



**Millage  
Renewal to be  
best prepared  
to save lives'  
and property.**

### Breckenridge/Wheeler Fire/Rescue Millage RENEWAL

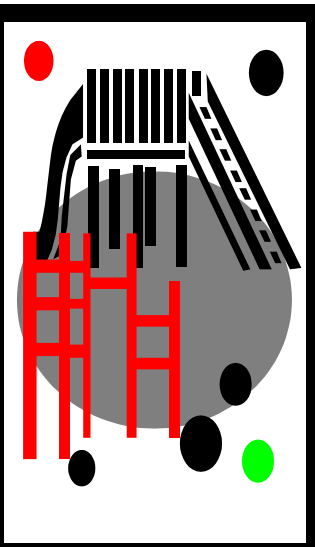
On August 5, 2014 Primary Election there will be a millage RENEWAL for equipment and vehicle replacement that was approved in 2005. This is the wordage that will be on the ballot.

**Shall the expired previous voted increase in the tax limitation impose under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan constitution in the Township of Wheeler including the Village of Breckenridge,**

**of .60 mills (\$ .60 per \$1,000 of taxable value), by the required rollbacks be renewed at .5892 mills (\$.5892 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and levied for 10 years, January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2024 inclusive, for but not limited to the purpose of supporting the Fire and Rescue Departments for equipment and vehicle replacement, raising an estimated \$93,000 in the first year the millage is levied.**

This millage has helped the Fire/Rescue Departments tremendously on keeping up to date on Fire Trucks, Rescue vehicle and equipment for the men and women who volunteer there time.

\*Please come out and vote and help to continue the great service that the Breckenridge/Wheeler Fire/Rescue Department maintain.



### Playgrounds/Ball field

Our playgrounds are starting to look a little run down. With the maintenance personal we hope to get these spruced back up and running great.

Looking at grants to possibly put in a new playground structure out by the baseball field. This project is in the planning stage at this time.

The baseball field will also be getting some extra attention this spring.

If any Little League coaches that would like to use the field you may do so by calling the Township Hall during business hours. 989.842.3428

Buy calling we can keep the field up and ready for you when needed.

When using the facilities please be courteous to others and the property. Place all trash in containers provided.

#### THANK YOU



## Recycling of old Tires

Back in October of 2013 we held a tire drive. This was very successful in that we filled a 40' semi trailer full.

This event was held on a Saturday and then the semi came on a Monday and was loaded. What a messy job. A special Thanks goes out to Steve Carter, Joe Rohn, Jerry Rohde, Brenda Rohn, Kelly Bushre, and Sharon Schall to make this event a success.

We hope to do this again to help keep tires from stacking up on properties and giving

mosquitoes a place to stay. We probably will not do this every year but maybe every 2 years. Notices will always be in the papers prior to the event.



Tire recycle day at Wheeler Township

## Wheeler Township Hall Rental

- Wheeler Twp Resident Rental \$60.00
- Non Resident Rental \$120.00
- Also a \$50.00 damage deposit is required
- Refund of deposit within 2 weeks, if no damages.
- All rentals are taken on a first serve basis and are taken in advance.
- Contact the Clerks office to make a reservation

## 2014 Elections

In the year 2014 Wheeler Township will hold 3 elections. The first one will be on **May 6th** which will be the renewal of the 911 service for Gratiot County.

**August 5th** will be the Primary Election. Primary election is to determine who will be placed on the General Election from each party.

Also a proposal for the Breckenridge/Wheeler Fire/

Rescue **Renewal** of equipment and vehicles, and Wheeler Township will be placing a millage for road improvements for the Township which will include the Village of Breckenridge.

Then on **November 4th** the General Election will be held.

This will be for the Governor, Senate & Representative seats. Also at this November election will be Village of Breckenridge

Counsel potions, Howe Memorial Library board seats and the Breckenridge Community School Board members and any proposals.

If you are not a registered voter and would like to become one you may register at any Secretary of States office or here at the Township office. There are always deadlines, so register as soon as possible to insure yourself that you can vote in upcoming elections.

Watch the Saginaw Valley News for updated Election information.



### Board of Trustees

Jerry Rohde—Supervisor  
jerry@wheelertownship.com

Kelly Bushre—Clerk  
kelly@wheelertownship.com

Sharon Schall—Treasurer  
sharon@wheelertownship.com

Brian Goward—Trustee  
bgoward@isabellabank.com

Keith Popour—Trustee  
kpopour@yahoo.com

### Planning Commission

Neil Jenkins  
Brian Goward  
Jim Cooper  
Dave Oliver  
Tom Turner

### Board of Review

Julie Jenkins  
Jim Huntoon  
Jeff Anderson

### Meeting Dates

**Township Board Meeting** are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm.

Planning Commission Meetings  
Are held at 7pm on:  
April 2nd  
July 9th  
October 1st.

All meeting are at the Township Hall.

### Breckenridge/Wheeler Township Fire/Rescue Board Meetings

are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Fire Hall in Breckenridge at 7pm

**WHEELER  
TOWNSHIP**

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(we do not close for lunch)

**We are on the Web  
At  
[www.wheelertownship.com](http://www.wheelertownship.com)**



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# Mid Michigan Waste Authority 2014 Bi-Weekly Recycling Calendar - A Week

Follow the shaded schedule below for assigned recycling set-out days.

**Holidays:** Observed holidays are marked with a dark box; service will be delayed one day on and after noted holidays.

**A Week Communities:** Jonesfield Twp, Village of Merrill, Richland Twp, Spaulding Twp, Wheeler Twp, City of Zilwaukee and portions of City of Saginaw

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Are YOU in *RecycleMotion*?! For more information on what materials are recyclable, how to recycle, where to get a bin, etc., go to [www.recyclemotion.org](http://www.recyclemotion.org) or call MMWA at 989-781-9555.

**\*\*\*This schedule is only for the Wheeler Township Residences. Does not include the Village of Breckenridge.\*\*\***



## Trash Details

Residents of MMWA member communities may set out an unlimited number of bags or cans of household generated trash each week.

Trash must be in bags or trash cans no larger than 33 gallons and each bag or trash can should not weigh more than 50 pounds each. All trash must be securely contained in bags or trash cans to reduce litter and discourage pests.

## Bulky Items

Any item that exceeds 50 pounds or does not fit into a standard 33 gallon bag or trash can is considered a bulky item. Furniture, mattresses and appliances are examples of bulky items.

Mid Michigan Waste Authority phone #989-781-9555  
or

Go to [www/recyclemotion.org](http://www.recyclemotion.org) to see all the items and procedures of recycling. This website has A LOT of information.



## Get Into Recycle-Motion

Bins are available from your local government office

- Use at least one "official" recycling bin from your municipal office. After that you can add more bins by converting any container, 33 gallon (or smaller), into a recycling bin by labeling it with a "Recyclables Only" sticker. Stickers are available at no charge from your local government office or Mid Michigan Waste Authority.
- You may also access more information on Recycling by going to [www.wheelertownship.com](http://www.wheelertownship.com) and going to the Mid Michigan Waste Authority link.