



# NEWSLETTER

## June 2019

12050 Old Belding Road Belding, MI 48809 616-691-8450

Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00AM - 4:00PM

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### TOWNSHIP BOARD

Supervisor:	Frank Force
Clerk:	Michelle Alberts
Treasurer:	Sabrina Freeman
Trustee:	Dennis Heffron
Trustee:	Paul Knoerl

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Township offices will be **closed** Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup>

### **NOTICE TO RESIDENTS**

### **Grattan Township Hall Parking Lot Repair**

### **July 1<sup>st</sup>-July 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Parking for Township services is available at the Fire Department. Please utilize the newly installed foot path to access the Township offices.**

**NO SENIOR MEALS THIS WEEK**

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### **From the desk of the Township Supervisor...**

The majority of the commonly asked questions by Grattan residents rarely have easy answers. The most frequently asked questions typically are about roads and the purpose of the DEQ.

The DEQ is now the new department known as Environment, Great Lake and Energy, now referred to as EGLE (pronounced eagle). EGLE's primary job in Grattan is to regulate the use of surface water and wetlands in our Township. The staff of Grattan Township makes an effort to report violations of these two resources to EGLE who in turn notify the violators that they can expect a visit from their office. In the future, the Grattan Township Wetlands Officer, duly appointed by the Township Board, will become more involved with violations and has the power to write citations to violators who refuse to comply with violation notices. EGLE can be contacted at (616) 356-0500.

Grattan Township has their share of gravel roads that never seem to be in very good condition. In the spring and fall they may become nearly impassable. Road maintenance is and always has been the responsibility of the Kent County Road Commission. Township's bear no responsibility to repair roads and receive no funding for road maintenance. Kent County Road Commission can be contacted with complaints at (616) 242-6900.

The residents of Cowan Lake have approved a special assessment to install a sanitary sewer system to serve the residents of the lake. The projected completion date is the end of 2020.

### **From the desk of the Fire Chief Lou Kirkbride...**

Grattan Township Fire Department would like to thank all the sponsors and the support we received for our 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Pancake Breakfast, including the Boy Scouts that assisted during the festivities. It was another great success and would not be possible without them. We served approximately 775 people in four hours. It was also a time to reflect on our military personnel that gave their ultimate sacrifice so that we could enjoy the freedom we have in our country. Let us never forget.

I would like to congratulate Bryce Newton and Chelsey Chrisman on graduating from the Fire Academy. Bryce is now an active firefighter, and Chelsey will be joining us in the near future.

Summer is just around the corner and a lot of summer activities will be taking place such as boating, swimming, hiking and the like. Please enjoy the summer and be safe, an accident of any kind can ruin a good time together.

Grattan Fire Department will be getting a new front line fire truck the end of 2019. It is being built by Toyne Inc. and will replace our Engine #4 a 1992 E-1. We are excited on its upcoming arrival.

**From the Treasurer and Sewer Billing Department...**

**The Township does NOT sell dog licenses as of January 2019.**

Please visit your vet's office or Kent County Animal Shelter to purchase.

**Dates to Remember:**

**2019 Sewer Quarterly Billing Due Dates:**

July 31<sup>st</sup> -----October 31<sup>st</sup>

**September 16, 2019**– 2019 Summer taxes due. Township will be open 9:00am - 5:00pm to collect taxes

Due to September 14<sup>th</sup> being on a weekend, taxes will be due Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> without interest.

**December 1, 2019** – 2019 Winter tax bills mailed

**December 27, 2019** – Township Office will be open to collect taxes only 9:00am – 5:00pm

**From the Clerks Office...**

Special thanks to Boy Scout Troop 264 for taking the time to clean-up the roadside trash along Old Belding Road, and to Troop 228 for the placement of flags at the Township cemeteries for Memorial Day.

The Township will be hosting a second Clean-Up Day for 2019. Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> from 7am- 3pm.

There are no projected elections for the remainder of 2019, but we will gear up for the 2020 Election year starting in March. Below is a form if any registered voter within the Township who would like to be on the Permanent Absentee Voter List. This would mean that prior to each election an application is mailed to the voter to apply to receive a ballot. This step is required for EVERY ELECTION. With the passing of Proposal 3 in November of 2018, any registered voter is eligible to request an Absentee Ballot. Simply fill out the form below and return to the Township to be added to the list.

**REQUEST TO BE ADDED TO THE PERMANENT ABSENTEE VOTER LIST**

State of Michigan requires a written request if you wish to be added to the Permanent Absentee Voter List. Please check the box below and return the form to the Clerk's Office in one of the following ways:

- EMAIL a scanned completed form to: clerk@grattantownship.org
- FAX request to the Clerk's Office: 616-691-8804
- MAIL request to the Clerk's Office: 12050 Old Belding Road Belding, MI 48809

YES, please ADD my name to your PERMANENT ABSENTEE VOTER LIST. I understand that I will automatically receive an Absentee Ballot Application prior to each upcoming election until such time that I should request to have my name removed. I further understand that if I choose to be on the permanent list, and I automatically receive an application for an Absentee Ballot, that I could still vote in person at the polls simply by not returning my absentee application for processing.

**X** \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

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DOB: MM/DD/YY

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Date

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