

**Sandstone Charter Township**  
**December 2023 Newsletter**  
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**Phone: 517-784-4712**  
**Fax: 517-784-2605**  
**Hours Monday -Friday 9am – 4pm**  
**[www.sandstonetownship.org](http://www.sandstonetownship.org)**

**Township Meetings**

Sandstone Township meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at the Township Hall  
Fire Board meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month at the Fire Station in Parma  
Public is always welcome

**Taxes**

2023 winter taxes are due February 14, 2024. Payments must be in our office by the due date, to avoid late fees. Please call for a payoff amount, if paying after the 14<sup>th</sup>. We are only able to accept payments until the end of February. As of March 1<sup>st</sup> they will have to be paid to the Jackson County Treasurer. Payments are accepted Monday – Thursday 9-4 and Fridays 9-5:30. We also have a drop box by the front door for your convenience. If you have any questions, please contact the treasurers office at 517-784-4712 ext. 2 or 3

**Police**

The Township continues to contract with the Jackson County Sheriff Department to provide police services. The majority of the cost is funded by a millage, and the remainder comes out of the general fund. From January to October 2023 they have responded to 560 calls, 13 personal injury crashes, 174 traffic stops, 11 verbal warnings and 51 property damage accidents. Breaking and entering calls have been reduced due to more coverage in the Township. The majority of accident calls are due to the I-94 construction projects. When a resident goes on vacation, there is a house watch form available at the township office, or on our webpage under the community info tab. The police will provide security for your home and property when unoccupied. For questions or concerns, leave a message at 517-768-7974 and a deputy will get back with you, as soon as possible. For emergencies call 911.

**Elections**

In November 2022, Michigan Voters approved a constitutional amendment that gives voters the right to vote early and in person, at early voting sites before statewide and federal elections.

Early voting allows a voter to cast a ballot before Election Day in an experience similar to voting on Election Day.

Early Voting will be available beginning with the presidential primary in 2024 and every statewide and federal election thereafter.

More information about early voting in Michigan is available at [Michigan.gov/EarlyVoting](http://Michigan.gov/EarlyVoting)

**Parma Sandstone Fire Department**

Runs YTD 841, estimating 975 by year end

We have 2 new hires, already certified and trained. 3 people starting have completed medical first responder training and 2 starting firefighter training soon.

Free smoke detectors for township residents. If interested, call the station at 517-531-3030

With the I-94 construction season coming to a close, this should reduce the highway accidents

## **Township Clean Up Day**

Our next clean up day will be May 18, 2024 8am-11am, and will be accepting tires and electronic recycling  
The fall clean up will be September 14, 2024 8am-11am.

At our fall clean up we had 129,720 lbs. of trash at a cost of \$2920.17. We received \$574.50 for collecting of 56,140 lbs. of scrap metal. We also had 3,597 lbs. of recycled electronics, 270 lbs. paper shredded at a cost of \$500.00. Approximately 150 residents utilized these services.

Special Thank you to everyone that volunteered

### **Sandstone Charter Township**

Dwight VanWinkle (Supervisor) Kim Britten (Clerk) Betty Sue VanWinkle (Treasurer)

Jeff Hale (Trustee) Steve Noble (Trustee)

Linda Rogers (Deputy Treasurer) Kaye Paluch (Deputy Clerk) Kathy Mullins (Office Assistant)

### **Parma Sandstone Fire Department**

William Engelter (Chief) Michael Hunter (Captain) Jayson LeFleur, Trent Pallugi

### **Volunteers**

Anne Noble, Keegan VanWinkle

### **Emmons**

Erron Whitehead, Jason Fry, David Blevins, Cody Fry

## **Assessing**

Julie Pulling is our Township Assessor. She is in the office Monday and Wednesday from 9 – 4 or can be reached at 517-784-4712 ext. 6. Please call ahead to make sure she is in the office or to schedule an appointment.

## **Roads**

In 2023 Jackson County Department of Transportation reworked several roads, at their cost, due to the mixtures that were used in 2022 that were incompatible and causing separation. The Township was also able to complete work on Rogers Rd. from Deveraux to Maines, Miller Rd. from Rogers to Wellman, Wellman Rd. from McDonald to the north Twp. line. We are working on the budget to repair or resurface several more roads in the township, as we have in the past. This is an expensive process and JCDOT, along with Sandstone Township, are looking for ways to use the money available, efficiently and most cost effective. If you have a concern or question on a road situation call the township office or JCDOT at 517-788-4230

## **Building and Zoning**

Please contact our Building/Zoning official Bryan Powers at 517-937-8205 or e-mail

[powersb1820@outlook.com](mailto:powersb1820@outlook.com) for any building or permit questions. Applications are available from Bryan or on our web page

## **Township Board Members**

Supervisor: Dwight VanWinkle 517-784-4712 ext. 1 [supervisor@sandstonetownship.org](mailto:supervisor@sandstonetownship.org)

Clerk: Kimberly M. Britten 517-784-4712 ext. 4 [clerk@sandstonetownship.org](mailto:clerk@sandstonetownship.org)

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Chris Crisenbery [ccrisenbery@sandstonetownship.org](mailto:ccrisenbery@sandstonetownship.org)

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Steve Noble [snoble@sandstonetownship.org](mailto:snoble@sandstonetownship.org)

Sandstone Township would like to wish you and your family a safe and Happy Holiday Season!