

Burdell Township Winter 2010 Newsletter

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The Burdell Township Board meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

Burdell Township Office Hours

Burdell Township currently holds general office hours at the Tustin Community Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. until noon. You may leave a message at 231-829-4049 anytime and your call will be returned. This phone number also may be used to request zoning application forms and land division application forms.

Burdell Township Officials

Virgil Asplund, Trustee - 231-829-9012
Darwin Norman, Trustee - 231-829-3323
Laura Peterson, Clerk - 231-829-3134
Chuck Raab, Supervisor - 231-829-3217
Julie Seguin, Treasurer - 231-829-3035
Treasurer's e-mail – burdelltownship@att.net
Assessor - 231-829-4099
Zoning Administrator - 231-829-5590

Osceola County Road Commission Meetings

The Osceola County Road Commission meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at the County Garage at 4737 Makwa Drive in Hersey. The times alternate each month from a day time meeting to a night time meeting. The next meeting scheduled is for Thursday, December 9th at 7:00 p.m. Please call 231-832-5171 if you have any questions or concerns for the road commission.

2011 Annual Trash Collection Information

The tentative date for the Burdell Township 2011 Trash Collection is Saturday, May 14, 2011 from 9 a.m. - noon. Please watch for more information or call any township official if you have questions.

2011 Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Information

The Household Hazardous Waste Collection is again set for the second Saturday in October 2011. Mark your calendars for October 8, 2011 from 9 a.m. until noon. The collection site for Osceola County is the Road Commission North Facility at 13353 20 Mile Road in Tustin. Please call the Osceola-Lake Conservation District at 231-832-2950 with any questions.

A Note from the County Treasurer: Principal Residence Exemption (PRE) Status

When you receive your winter tax bill (or your assessment notice in February), check the PRE/AG line. On the tax notice it is located in the Tax Detail box. PRE stands for Principal Residence Exemption. AG stands for agriculture. If the property is your principal residence, and you are the owner, in most cases you are entitled to a 100% PRE exemption from the school operating portion of your property taxes. If the property is a vacant parcel, and adjacent to your principal residence, in most cases it is also eligible. There are also cases where property classed Agricultural is eligible for the exemption. If the property is your second residence, a rental, etc., it should be listed as 0% PRE, with no exemption.

State law requires PRE's to be audited yearly, and property owners who received a PRE exemption and were not eligible, may be billed the school operating portion of tax plus interest, for the current year and three previous years. If you feel your PRE determination is incorrect, please contact your assessor. You may be missing out on the exemption, or you may be required to pay additional taxes and interest at a later date.

2010 Winter Tax

You may pay your Winter 2010 taxes beginning December 1, 2010. Please mail your payment to: Burdell Township Treasurer, P.O. Box 144, Tustin, MI 49688. If you would like to pay in person or have any questions, call 231-829-3035. The treasurer's e-mail address is burdelltownship@att.net.

Tax receipts are no longer mailed automatically. If you would like a receipt, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope with your mailed payment. Winter tax bills must be paid by February 14, 2011 to avoid additional charges. 1% is added to payments made from February 15 through February 28, 2011. On March 1, 2011, any unpaid 2010 taxes are turned over to the Osceola County Treasurer for collection.

Burdell Township will have special office hours for tax collection at the Tustin Community Center
Thursday, December 30, 2010, 9 am until 5 pm
Monday, February 14, 2011, 1 pm until 5 pm
Monday, February 28, 2011, 9 am until 5 pm

On the Web

The Osceola County Townships Association offers a webpage for each township in Osceola County at no charge. Please check it out at www.osceola-townships.org and click on Burdell Township. Among the items that you will find there will be the minutes of meetings, times of meetings, zoning permit applications, land division applications, and newsletters.

Tustin Community Library

High speed wireless internet access is now available at the Tustin Community Library. Bring your own notebook computer or use one of the high speed computer stations. Copying, sending & receiving FAX, and laminating services are also available. The library is open 6 days a week: Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday from 9 am - 5 pm, Wednesday from 10 am - 5 pm & 6 pm - 8 pm, Friday 1 pm - 5 pm, and Saturday 9 am – noon.

Tustin Community Center

The meeting room at the Community Center is available for public use. There is no charge for civic organizations to use the facility for meetings. The room is available to rent for birthday parties, showers, family reunions, etc. for a small charge. There are tables, chairs, and a refrigerator available for use. Call 231-829-3012 for details and reservations.

Osceola County Dog Licenses Available

2010 Dog licenses are available from your Township Treasurer. Prices before March 1, 2011 are:

- \$10.00 for a male or female dog
- \$ 5.00 for a spayed or neutered dog
- \$ 5.00 for a senior citizen's male or female dog
- \$ 2.00 for a senior citizen's spayed or neutered dog

You may also get your dog's license from the Osceola County Treasurer, Osceola County Animal Control or the Tustin Community Library. The license prices double on March 1, 2011.