

# BENNINGTON TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

## 5849 SOUTH M-52, OWOSSO, MICHIGAN 48867

DECEMBER 2010

**Township Hall: (989) 723-5555**

**Township Fax: (989) 725-2372**

### **Bennington Township Board - Office Hours**

Supervisor:	Lee Ash	
Clerk:	Donna Ash	Mon. 10am – 2pm
Treasurer:	Cindy Garber	Wed. 10am – 2:30pm
Trustee:	Jim Forsythe	
Trustee:	Nancy Zdunic	
Assessor:	Steve Schweikert	Thur. 9am-11am

Regular Board Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month, 7:00pm, at the Township Hall. Meetings are open to the public.

### **Township Planning Commission**

Chairman:	Rod Harmon
Vice Chairman:	Dick Demerly
Secretary:	Bill Nash
Member:	Bernie Scollon
Member:	Russell Thomas
Member:	Frank Gregory
Board Representative:	Donna Ash

Planning Commission Meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month, 7:00pm, at the Township Hall. All meetings are open to the public.

### **Township Board of Review**

Chairman:	Bill Koski
Member:	Ed Franks
Member:	Dick Lucas
Secretary:	Supervisor Lee Ash

Winter Board of Review will be held in March 2011. Look for the dates on your change of assessment notice.

### **Treasurer Winter Tax Collection**

Winter tax bills are due on Monday, February 14th, without penalty. The last day 2010 payments can be accepted at the Township is Monday, February 28th. The office will be open on December 29th, February 14th and February 28th from 9:30am to 5:00pm. Taxes can also be paid on Wednesdays from 10:00am to 2:00pm. There is a locked drop box outside the office door that you may place your payment in at times when the office is not open.



### **Junk Day**

Please mark your calendars for the third annual Township Junk Day. This is scheduled for May 7, 2011, 8:00am to 12:00noon. Residents may bring in approved junk for disposal, free of charge. Note: Hazardous waste, tires, large appliances, medical waste, yard clippings, used oil, paint, batteries, asbestos, etc. will not be accepted.

### **Recycling**

Greater Laingsburg Recycles provides a recycling service the 2nd Saturday of each month from 9:00am to 1:00pm at Laingsburg High School. Call (517) 651-2005 with questions and to check on what items are accepted.



### **Farmers' Market**



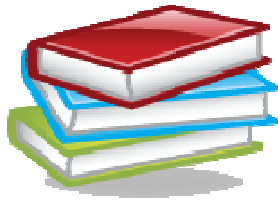
Bennington Township will once again host a Farmers' Market at the Township Hall. Look for the Farmers' Market on Mondays from 4:00pm to 7:00pm beginning early summer through the fall. Vendors may bring in home grown products free of charge, no reservation or fees.

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### Shiawassee District Library

#### 502 W. Main St., Owosso

Bennington Township residents pay a millage to the Shiawassee District Library which entitles residents/tax payers to obtain a library card for each member in the household. If you do not already have a library card, just visit the library and request a card. Enjoy reading!



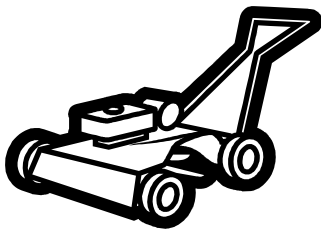
### SATA- Shiawassee Area Transportation Agency

Bennington Township is a participating member of SATA. This entitles residents to use the public transportation service at a discounted rate. You may call to schedule a transportation time (989) 729-2687 or toll free 877-667-7100.



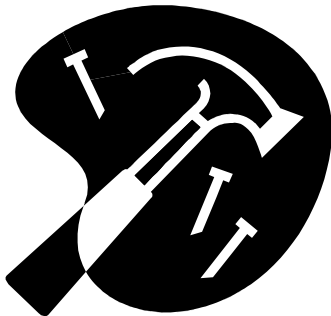
### Weed Ordinance

Ordinance #02-06-01 requires that weeds and grass not cut by May 1st will be subject to be cut by the Township entering onto the property for such purpose, and the owner of the property shall be charged for the cost of as many times as is necessary; plus an additional \$40.00 administration fee per cutting. Cutting shall be to the depth of 10 rods or the depth of the property whichever is less, and to a height of less than 12 inches. This ordinance applies to residents and property owners of residential lands and/or subdivided lands.



### Building Permits

All building permits for Bennington Township are obtained through Shiawassee County Community Development/Zoning Department, 201 N. Shiawassee St., Corunna, in the Surbeck Building (989) 743-2393.

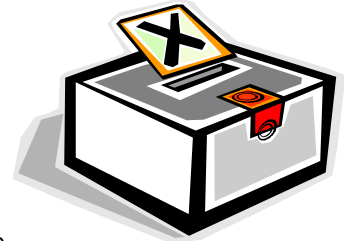


### Township Hall Rental

The Township Hall may be rented by Township residents at a cost of \$60.00 per rental with a \$100.00 deposit. The hall holds 150 people and no alcohol is permitted. Contact Supervisor Lee Ash (989) 725-5083 to reserves a date.

### 2011 Possible Election Dates

- February 8, 2011
- May 3, 2011
- August 2, 2011
- November 8, 2011



All voting takes place at the Township Hall. The polls are open from 7:00am to 8:00pm.

### Voter Registration

You must be registered at least 30 days prior to an election to be able to vote. You can register at any Secretary of State Office, by mail, or by contacting your local Clerk, Donna Ash. Voter Registration forms are available the Township web site.

### Township Cemeteries

Bennington Township maintains three cemeteries:

- Alton Cemetery, Grand River Road
- Howard Cemetery, Tyrrell Road
- Oakwood Cemetery, Bennington Road

Spaces are available at all three locations at a cost of \$50.00 per space for Township Residents. Contact Clerk Donna Ash for more information.



### Web Page

Bennington Township has a web page for your convenience. You can check on the latest information regarding Township activities, find meeting dates and minutes, and many of our forms are also available on-line.

[www.bennington-township.org](http://www.bennington-township.org)