

2019 TOWNSHIP NEWS AND INFORMATION

* The preliminary work on Meisner Road has been completed and the Road Commission is planning to pave the section from Meldrum to I-94 in 2019.

* A drop box is located near the office entrance. The box is for your convenience in dropping off such things as tax payments and Absentee Ballots after business hours.

* In 2018, your road millage helped pay for the following: Limestone—10,088 tons (20,176,000 lbs.), Chloride—190,000 gallons; ditch mowing, ditching on Meldrum Road; crossroad culvert replacement on Lindsey, Puttygut and Adair Roads, emergency road work and seal patch and stone on paved roads. The road millage generates approximately \$140,000.00 a year. 100% of the money generated goes to the roads.

Casco Township 2018 Total Road Expenditures	\$262,276.00
County Road Commission Cost Sharing	97,121.00
Casco Township Net Road Expenditures	165,155.00

We applied and were approved matching money for extending 5 asphalt aprons to prevent large holes and enhance driver safety in 2019.

* For your information: U.S. Census numbers for Casco Township year 2000—4,747
year 2010—4,105.

* There were 73 Building Permits issued in 2018, 6 of which were new homes.

* There were 119 property transfers in 2018, of which 63 were sales.

* The Casco Township Zoning Ordinance and selected permits are now on the Casco Township website www.cascostclair.com.

* The Casco Township office hours are 9:00 a.m. —3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. To contact the Township offices: Telephone: (586) 727-7524; Fax: (586) 727-3034; E-mail: cascostclairdeputyclerk@comcast.net; Website: cascostclair.com. Notary Public service is available at no charge to all Casco Township residents. Shelly Baumister our Township Assessor holds office hours on Mondays. The Casco Township Board meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month, and are televised online at www.nemctv6.org; and at Comcast Channel 6 for Richmond area residents.

* The Planning Commission meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

* The Zoning Board of Appeals meets on the second Thursday of January, April, July and October at 7:00 p.m.

* Community Transport: Richmond Lenox EMS provides to Casco Township residents no cost wheelchair/disabled alternative medical transportation services. This service focuses on door to door transportation, requiring prescheduled medical, diagnostic and outpatient procedures, banking, personal business (legal) and nutrition trips focused in Macomb County. All RL EMS wheelchair van drivers are certified in first aid and CPR. There is no charge for this service; although donations are accepted. Riders must call with at least one week notice. Rides are scheduled on availability and destination. Please contact (586) 749-7713 to schedule.

* The EMS in partnership with the Richmond Lions Club has available for loan various hospital equipment (i.e. wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, shower chairs and other durable medical equipment). Also they are always looking for used medical equipment in any condition that residents may be willing to donate. Please contact the EMS office for more information.

* St. Clair County has developed a way to help first responders know exactly what they need in an emergency. Before arrival, first responders would be aware of medical conditions, allergies, disabilities, medications, animals and location of mobile phone callers. Please GOOGLE SMART 911 for more information or call Central Dispatch at 810-985-8115 and ask for Tina.

* 2018 Fire Runs breakdown provided by Ira Township: Structure fires/other fires: 5; Personal Injury Accidents: 24; Medical Emergencies: 19; Miscellaneous: 22; Total Runs: 70.

* 2018 runs by the Richmond Fire Department: Structure fires/other fires: 4; Medical 2; accidents/car fires: 26; Misc.: 31; Total runs 63.

* The total number of Richmond-Lenox EMS runs to Casco Township in 2018 was 265, Emergency: 173, and 92 Non Emergency.

* Casco Township is covered by Richmond-Lenox EMS for ambulance service. Except for ¼ of Section 24, everything North of Meisner Road is covered by the Richmond Fire Department, ½ of Section 24 and everything South of Meisner Road is covered by the Ira Fire Department. Burning Permits are available in the Richmond fire service area at the Richmond Police Post, or online at www.richmondmichiganpolicedept.com; and in the Ira Township Fire service area at the Ira Township Fire Department, or by telephone at (586) 725-7771, or (586) 725-4415. Burning permits are issued to all residents at no charge. If you do not obtain a burning permit and the fire department is called and dispatched, you will be charged.

* The St. Clair County 4-H Fair at Goodells Park — July 15-20.

* Work was completed on replacing the Belle River Bridge on St. Clair Highway.

* With the increase in burglaries and interest by residents, Casco has started a Neighborhood Watch program. Meetings will be posted (Web Site, Channel 6 and Township Offices) and a Sheriff Deputy is usually in attendance to give advice and to answer questions.

- * Please be aware that Church Road and Meisner Road are designated County roads and the County Road Commission is responsible for their maintenance.
- * Indian Summer Recycling, Inc. will be offering free compost to Casco Township residents on the following Saturdays in 2019 from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon: May 4, May 11, May 18, and May 25. There is a five (5) yard limit and NO commercial vehicles are allowed. Thanks to Fred and Bob.
- * Casco Township residents often serve on boards and commissions. Current Members:
- * Planning Commission: James Edwards, Kyle Robertson, Keith Teltow, Cynthia Goulston, Gerald Keller, Stanley Pankiewicz, and Joseph Stevens.
- * Zoning Board of Appeals: Stanley Pankiewicz, Daniel Goulston, Dale Allagreen, Sandra Bishop, Hugo Mancini and Al Inson.
- * Board of Review: Diane Griswold, Roger Sloan, Chris Stevens and Eugene Eoyaldi.
- * Parks and Rec Committee: Roy/Jennifer Andersen, Greg/Kim Brangman, Kendall Copenhagen, Judy Hamilton, Ron Johnston, Joe Stevens, Colleen Stover and Bob Wesolowski.
- * Neighborhood Watch Coordinator: Wayne Baumgarten.
- * NEMC (Comcast) Representatives: Wayne Baumgarten and Robert Kettel.
- * Homeland Security Representative - Wayne Baumgarten.
- * Three (3) new businesses have received approval by Casco Township - Long's Propane Gas, Casco Rent All and Rattee's Foundation and Waterproofing.
- * 2018 Court cases: NONE.
- * St. Clair County Central Dispatch calls in Casco Township 2018: Total calls 4,153 of that Breaking and Entering - 17; Malicious Destruction of Property - 16; Suicide or attempted suicide - 41; Larceny - 18; Car/Deer Accidents - 82.
- * Thank you Dennis LaForest/Rlag Maintenance, J & J Disposal and Richard Liedeker.
- * Adair Cemetery: No activity.
- * The Casco Township 2019 Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.
- * If your group or organization is hosting an event, you can have it announced on NEMC Comcast channel 6 by contacting the Casco Township offices; or on the Casco Township website by contacting Township Clerk, Patricia Allagreen.
- * The Belle River Watershed Management Plan is completed. Work is now focused on implementing it. For more information, go to project website www.sccwater.org. Earth Fair Day is a great event held at the Goodells County Park, April 26-27. Visit website at www.earthfairday.com
- * Recycling: Recyclable items can be taken to the Smiths Creek Landfill - 6779 Smiths Creek Road, phone (810) 989-6981; or (810) 985-2443; or Pinetree Acres Landfill - 36600 - 29 Mile Road, Lenox, phone (586) 742-9698. Household Hazardous Waste can be taken by appointment to Smiths Creek. A list of Hazardous Wastes accepted is available at the Township offices or on the St. Clair County website.
- * The annual Adair Suckerfest will be held on May 5th. Proceeds go to Kids in Distress.
- * The residents and businesses in Casco are responsible for having their trash picked up. Information including names, phone numbers and day of the week service is available at the Township.
- * Reflective address signs are available from the Richmond-Lenox EMS. Phone - (586) 727-2184. and the Ira Township Fire Department Women's Auxiliary. Phone - (586) 725-1459, at a very reasonable cost.
- * The Washington Life Center, 403 N. Mary, Marine City, offers a variety of programs and meals designed for senior citizens. Call (810) 765-3523 or go to www.thecouncilonaging.org for activities and meal times. Transportation for seniors and disabled is also available and focused in St. Clair County. Call (810) 765-8570.
- * Lakeshore Legal Aid is a not-for-profit law firm providing a wide range of free civil legal services to low income people and seniors age 60 and older in our communities. This includes, but is not limited to estate planning and medical directives. Lakeshore is located at 803 10th Avenue, Suite C, Port Huron, MI 48060 - Phone (810) 985-5107.
- * Each year Casco Township receives a share of the County Park Millage (\$17,000.00 in 2018). This money is held in a separate account and can only be used for Parks and Recreation purposes. In 2017 the Township updated our Parks and Recreation Plan, applied for a State Acquisition Grant to purchase 20 acres on Belle River next to BP on Fred Moore Highway to develop a park, and received a commitment from St. Clair County Parks to match our cost to complete the purchase. In December 2017 we were informed the State Trust Fund approved our Grant with an amount not to exceed \$148,000.00. In December 2018, we closed on the property and are in the process of getting reimbursed. A Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee has been created to help with future park decisions. Meetings will be posted and everyone is welcome to attend.

William Ruemenapp, Supervisor Patricia M. Allagreen, Clerk Colleen Stover, Treasurer
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 Wayne Baumgarten, Constable Linda Thueme, Deputy Treasurer
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