

# ALGANSEE TOWNSHIP UPDATE

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## SUMMER TAX COLLECTION

### WHERE DO I PAY THE SUMMER TAXES?

The township is recommending that summer taxes be **mailed** to the Township Treasurer, Ann Strong at **904 Lester Road, Reading, MI 49274**. Receipts will be mailed out. If you would like to pay them in person, appointments may be scheduled by calling Ann at 517-639-4931.

### TAX SHIFT CONTINUES

Please remember that the entire County allocated millage will be collected on the summer bill as well as the State Education Tax. This is not an increase in taxes. It is a shift from the winter to the summer.

### WHEN IS IT DUE?

Summer tax bills are sent out by July 1 and the bill must be paid by September 14 in order to avoid interest or penalty. **If you defer payment, a second tax bill will not be sent out in December, as a reminder.**

### CAN I DEFER PAYMENT?

Under MCL 211.51 property taxpayers may defer payment until February 28, without penalty or interest, if their household income for the preceding calendar year did not exceed \$35,000 and they are:

- a: 62 years of age or older, including the unmarried surviving spouse of a person who was 62 years of age or older at the time of death;
- b: A paraplegic or quadriplegic;
- c: An eligible service person, eligible veteran, or their eligible widow or widower;
- d: A blind person; or

e: A totally and permanently disabled person

### AGRICULTURE DEFERMENT

Property classified or used as agricultural property may qualify if the gross receipts of the farming operation are not less than the household income of the owner.

### HOW DO I DEFER PAYMENT?

A deferment form for each parcel must be completed each year in order to have taxes deferred without penalty in any given year. See back of newsletter for copy of form. This form must be filed with the Township Treasurer by **September 14**.

### WETLANDS

A county wetland inventory has been completed by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) pursuant to Part 303, Wetlands Protection, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended. The inventory map is on file with the county extension office, register of deeds, and clerk and is also available at [www.michigan.gov/deqwetlands](http://www.michigan.gov/deqwetlands). The inventory map provides potential and approximate locations of wetlands but cannot be used to identify wetlands for regulatory purposes. Property containing wetlands may be subject to regulation under Part 303. For more information, including how to obtain a wetland permit or a determination of whether property contains regulated wetlands, please visit the MDEQ Web site above.

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## ZONING UPDATE

The Algansee Township board has been working with the citizens of the township to update the Zoning Ordinance. Public, open forum, meetings have been held since December 2006. The planner is currently preparing these comments into a format to be reviewed by the Township Planning Commission. Once these have been formalized, public hearings will be held to formally hear comments on these proposed changes. Please watch the website, newspaper, and shoppers guide for these hearing postings as we hope to have the public hearings this summer with formal adoption by fall.