

# Sumpter Country Times

## Sumpter Township

### From Your Supervisor: Johnny Vawters

Oct, Nov & Dec, 2008

Sumpter Township will be holding the next Board of Review on December 9<sup>th</sup> 2008 from 9am to 12noon

The Board of Review will meet to review Principal Residential Exemptions,

Clerical Errors and Hardship Exemptions.

Residents may qualify for a conditional Rescission of Principal Residence Exemption. If you are in the process of selling your home and have al-

ready moved to a new home you now can apply for two principal residential exemptions. Rules and regulations apply. For more information regarding this please call the Supervisors Office at 734-461-6201 ext 229

### It's Not too Late to File for Your 2008 Stimulus Payment

Even though the April 15 tax deadline has passed, it is not too late to file for your economic stimulus payment this year. Persons who qualify for the payment must file a 2007 tax return by October 15, 2008. Millions of people are eligible but may not know it, or think it is too late to get a payment. These are certain retirees, disabled veterans and low-wage workers who normally don't file a tax return because their income is too low or nontaxable. This year, they must file to receive their stimulus payment.

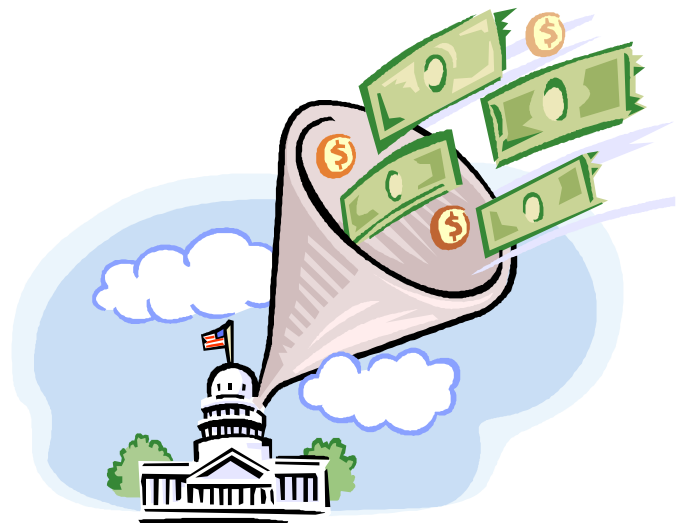
For information and assistance, call the Stimulus Check Hotline at (866) 234-2942. People filing solely to receive a stimulus payment can file their own return electronically by using IRS Free File—Economic Stimulus Payment, also available at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). This program provides free software and free electronic filing of Form 1040A, and it remains open until the October 15 filing deadline to receive a stimulus payment.

Remember that for the genuine IRS website be sure to use .gov. Don't

be confused by internet sites that end in .com, .net, .org or other designations instead of .gov. The address of the official IRS Source: IRS Newswire April 23, 2008.

### Sumpter Township Board of Trustees

- **Johnny Vawters, Supervisor**
- **Clarence J. Hoffman, Jr., Clerk**
- **John W. Morgan, Treasurer**
- **William Hamm, Trustee**
- **Alan D. Bates, Trustee**
- **Linda L. Kennedy, Trustee**
- **Peggy Morgan, Trustee**



## From The Clerk: Clarence J. Hoffman, Jr.

Attn.: Important Information

The general election is November 4, 2008 at this election your vote will determine our Sumpter Township Officials, President of the United States, Senators, House of Representatives, plus proposals just to name a few. The Van Buren Schools has two millages on the ballot. Lincoln School has a millage. It is important to make your vote count.

If you are interested in voting absentee for the upcoming elections and fall under the state requirements you may call the clerks office for an application to be sent to you. 734-461-6201 ext. 222 or 221

If you choose to come to the polls on Election Day, you will be asked to provide a picture identification to verify your iden-

tity. The Michigan Supreme Court passed this law on July 18, 2007 MCL 168.523.

The Sumpter Township Offices will

be closed for the following observed holidays: October 13, 2008 (Columbus Day), November 11, 2008 (Veteran's Day), November 27 & 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008 (Thanksgiving Holidays), and December 24<sup>th</sup> thru January 4, 2009 (Christmas & New Years (Tentative).

The Clerk's Office provides the following services:

Notary Service (FREE)

Garage Sale Permits (\$2.00 ea)



Business Licenses (\$50.00 ea includes building inspection)

Elections

Registration of Voters

Trash Complaints (877-264-5544)

Cemetery Plots (\$250.00)

Zoning/Master Plan Questions

Planning Commission Requests

Freedom of Information Requests

Fire Reports (\$3.00 ea)

Notifications/Publications for residents

Rentals of Community Center/Parks

Recycling (Saturday's 9am to 1pm)

Assist citizens with various questions, topics, & subjects

## Don't Be Fooled By Mail Lottery Scams By: Officer Roger Mayfield

Please be advised that we are seeing several mail scams lately.

These scams usually come in the form of a realistic looking check, payable to the homeowner, stating that you have won some type of lottery, and in order for you to collect your winnings you must pay a tax. They are asking that you make the payment in the form of a money order. These or-



ganizations are usually based out of some foreign Country that does not cooperate with the United States, making it extremely difficult and not likely to prosecute. These checks look so authentic that they will even put

a legitimate Bank on the check to make you think it is real. I assure you it is not! These types of scams are similar to email scams. I

have spoke to the Attorney Generals Office, and the best thing to do is just as you would not respond to an email scam, do not respond to one of these. You can bring the suspected scam to the Police Department to be forwarded to the Attorney Generals Office, and if you feel you have been a victim of one of these scams report it.

## From Your Treasurer: John W. Morgan

Just a reminder that the Treasurer's office is open evening hours twice a month. On the **second** and **fourth Tuesday** each month the Treasurer's office is **open 8:30 am – 7:30 pm**. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call 734-461-6201, ext 239.

Exception is Tuesday, November 11, 2008 when the Township hall will be closed in observance of Veteran's Day.

Something else new is coming to your Treasurer's office. In October we will have the capability to accept credit/debit cards in our office. Visa, MasterCard and Discover will be the services of-

ferred. This service is offered to everyone with proper ID. There will be a service charge of 3% of your total charge added on to your bill. This is the fee the credit card service charges for the machine. This fee must be passed on to the users, as it is not feasible for the Township to pay this fee.

December 1, 2008 the Winter Tax Bill will be in the mail. The Winter Bill this year is once again blue and due by February 27, 2009. Your Summer Bill (yellow) was due September 17, without penalty. You may still pay that bill at the Township until February 27, 2009. There is a

1% interest charge per month starting in September. You have until February 27, 2009 to pay your Summer and Winter Tax Bills. After February 27, 2009 the bills are turned over to Wayne County and MUST be paid there.

In closing the Treasurer's Office staff and Treasurer Mr. John W. Morgan would like to wish all of you a Happy Halloween, a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## Fall Programs @ Fred C. Fischer Library

### Story Times

Mondays, 6:30 pm, Nov 3–Dec 8

**Preschool Pals (Ages 3 1/2–6)**

Tuesdays, 11 am, Nov 4–Dec 9

**Terrific Toddlers (Ages 2–3 1/2)**

Wednesdays, 11 am, Nov 5–Dec 10

**The Model T: A Car for the Multitude**

**Thursday, Nov. 20, 7 pm**

The library, in partnership with the Belleville Area Museum and the Friends of the Library, celebrates the centennial of the Model T.

One of America's foremost Model T experts, Robert Casey, will discuss his new book, *The Model T: A Centennial History*.

### **Book Discussion Groups**

**Evening Book Group**, 1st Thurs. of the month, 7 pm

**African American Book Group**  
Last Thurs. of the month, 7 pm

### **Teen Programs**

Thursdays, 7:30–8:30 pm (6th–12th grade)

Oct. 30: Day of the Dead

Nov. 13: Dungeons & Dragons Night

Dec. 18: Holiday Get Together

Jan. 15: World Peace Night

Feb. 12: Valentine's Party

### **Harvest Fest**

Saturday, Oct. 18, 11 am–4 pm

Bring the kids and enjoy old time activities with your friends and

neighbors! Dip candles and make cornhusk dolls and Indian corn jewelry. All activities are free and take place on 4th St. at the Library, Museum and Farmer's Market.

### **Kenya Adventure**

Thursday, Nov. 6, 7 pm

Enjoy photos and stories from Kenya with Dee Crowe. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

### **Explore Your Family Tree**

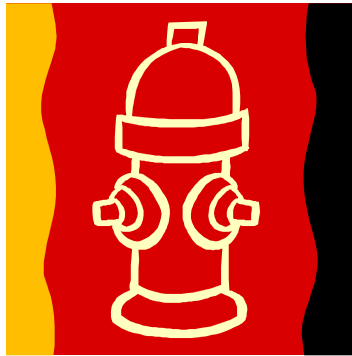
Wednesdays, Oct. 22 & 29, Nov 5 & 12, 7 pm

Discover your family roots with genealogist Ginger Bruder. Call or come to the library to sign up for this free program

## News From The Department of Public Services

The personnel in our Dept. now refer to themselves collectively as “The award winning Dept. of Public Services”. Our most senior serving member, Clarence Primm has received an award from the American Water Works Association—Michigan Section, for his long service to the water works industry. A formal presentation will take place in the near future. Clarence is also the longest serving Sumpter township employee.

The Water Department has also received an award for our creative means of painting fire hydrants. The short version of this story is that we can now paint all 1000 + fire hydrants in about 20 days and save about \$16,600 along the way. If you now want to know if you're in Sumpter just look around and see if the hydrants are a bright red. They are definitely nicer looking than they were before we came up with the means to mass produce the hydrant painting pro-



ject. The Township will be receiving the plaque and check in the near future from The American Water Works Association.

There are a few more things we are also quite pleased about as we close out the summer season. The five water mains that we promise you are in the ground and are in the process of being treated, tested and then hooked in to our system.

These mains have been promised since the late 70's and the current Township Board got the job done. Due to cost savings another main on Clay Road is being added to the project. As soon as the mains are available to hook into the immediately affected property owners will be notified.

The newest section of sewer is also “in the ground” and is undergoing pressure testing. The affected homes will be getting a notice soon about the details.

Our water meter change out is 90–95% complete and is working every bit as accurately as promised. There have been a few bumps in the process but for the most part, everything went extremely smooth. **If you haven't had your meter changed yet you must call now and make an appointment. The meter change is mandatory not optional.** This is the only way we can be sure you are receiving a fair and accurate bill and that is mandated in various laws. Please call today for your own good if your meter hasn't been changed.

We are also very busy preparing for the fall and that other season that follows it, but we will be ready. I'm sure you're also busy getting ready so until next time, **KEEP SAFE.**

Thank-You for letting us be of service,  
Your  
Dept.  
of Public Services.



## Sumpter Township Senior Center, Dee Droullard, Senior Center Coordinator

Autumn brought the beautiful abundance of Sumpter gardens and spectacular fall foliage for us to enjoy. Eight seniors proudly represented your fine community at the Western Wayne Senior Olympics in August, taking home 4 medals; 1 gold and 3 silvers.

We eagerly anticipate next year's participation! The future looks bright at the center, join us for info, fun & festivity.

A *Health Fair* is scheduled for October 27th 10:00-noon. Health screenings & flu shots. RSVP for flu shots by 10-20-08

In addition, a pre-planning funeral arrangement seminar will take place Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> at noon.

Every Friday starting *October 17*, thru *December 5*, at noon, in partnership with the National Council on Aging and CVS Pharmacy, there will be a “Pack your Bag” program. A different

topic of interest will be presented each week. This event will provide a 15-minute presentation on how to improve health and offer an opportunity to participate in a 15-minute *one on one* consultation to review prescription and non-prescription medications with a CVS Pharmacist. Call or stop in the senior center for topic titles, pick up a bag & more info.

# Senior Trips, Activities and Programs

Join us for cards, Mondays starting with a *Name The Game* card party November 10 at noon.

Every month we take a trip "Around the world" and visit different restaurants.

Bring \$2 worth of pennies & play Pokeno on Thursdays 12:30

TEFAP/commodity/Focus Hope food programs distributed monthly

## Upcoming Trips:

### Programs/Activities

Grand Ledge Tour

No impact Stretch & Tone Tues & Thurs 9:30 a.m.

Toledo Zoo

Line Dance

Weds. 10:00 a.m.

Pinnacle Race Track

Upholstery & computer classes

Massage therapy

Frankenmuth

Chicago

Weekly Bible Study

Bingo

Quilting

Shopping

Blood pressure checks monthly

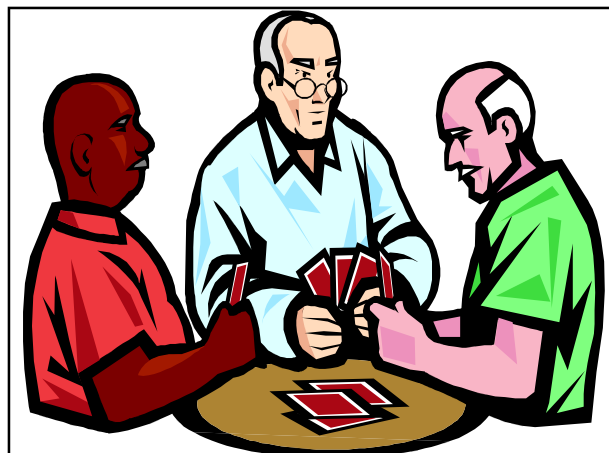
~~Wayne County Nutrition~~

lunch is served Monday-Friday 11:45 a.m. 24 hr. registration requested.

Sumpter Senior Center is

located in the Community Center Building

23501 Sumpter Road



Hours: Monday thru Friday 9:00a.m.-4:00p.m.

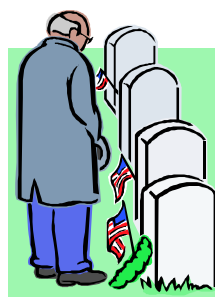
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The Senior Center is supported in part by the Senior Alliance AAA thru the Office of Services to the Aging.

# Higgerson & Neal Funeral Home Informative Seminar

On Tuesday, October 14th at noon, representatives of the Higgerson and Neal Funeral Home will be here to provide an informative seminar. Topics will include bur-

ial/cremation options, costs, pre-planning and funding options. There will be a question and answer time as well. This is your chance to learn



about this important topic in a no-pressure environment.

There will be refreshments and door prizes!!

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