

Nelson Township News

Winter 2008

From the Assessor's Office...

On April 8, 2008, Governor Granholm signed House Bill 4215, enabling a resident who has established a new principal residence to retain a Principal Residence Exemption (PRE) on property previously exempt as the owner's principal residence for a period of three years if that property is not occupied, is for sale, is not leased, and is not used for any business or commercial purpose, by submitting a Conditional Rescission of Principal Residence Exemption Form #4640. To qualify, an owner must submit the form by May 1. If the home has not sold after the first year, ***an owner must annually submit Form #4640 on or before December 31 to verify to the assessor that the property for which the PRE is retained is not occupied, is for sale, is not leased, and is not used for any business or commercial purpose.*** Form 4640 is available at www.michigan.gov/taxes and also at the township website www.nelsontownship.org.

If you plan on splitting your property or adjusting property lines you must file a land division application with the assessor. Land division applications are available at the township office or on the township website www.nelsontownship.org.

Other forms available on the website include: Property Transfer Affidavit, Homeowner's Principle Residence Exemption Affidavit, & Request to Rescind Homeowner's Principle Residence Exemption.

The Assessor's normal office hours are Monday and Thursday from 9:00 to 3:00.

Treasurer's Tidbits...

Winter taxes must be paid by February 16, 2009 to avoid interest & penalties. The last day to pay any 2008 tax bills at the township office is February 27, 2009. After this date, all unpaid taxes are turned over to the Kent County Treasurer for collection.

DOG LICENSES:

Dog Licenses are available at the township office until February 27, 2009. You need to bring your preprinted post card that you received from the animal shelter to the office along with proof of rabies vaccination. If your pet has been spayed or neutered, you must bring proof of that also.

DEFERMENTS:

Reminder if a deferment has been filed for your summer taxes, they are due February 16, 2009.

The Treasurer's normal office hours are Monday-Thursday from 9:00 am-3:00 pm. and December 31st, February 16th & 27th from 9:00am-5:00 pm.

Reminder:

Kent County water test kits are available at the township office for \$32.00.

This kit includes 2 samples: one for drinking water coliforms and one for partial chemical analysis.

Clerks Corner...

November's Election Results:

There was a 69% turnout of the 3233 registered voters in Nelson Township.

Elected for 4 Years:

Supervisor: Glen Armstrong

Clerk: Laura Hoffman

Treasurer: Kathy Reed

Trustees: Maureen Mahoney & Tom Noreen

Proposal I (Medicinal Marijuana): Yes 62%

Proposal II (Stem Cell Research): No 57%

Get Ready! Kent County

The Get Ready! Kent County Citizen Preparedness program is a program that

focuses on a different area of emergency readiness for each month of the year.

Fact sheets are available for each month and

provide you with options and steps to take for any emergency. Although we may not worry

about many disasters here in Michigan, we do

have our share of potential threats.

Floods, chemical spills, and major snow events are

just a few disasters we may experience. We

need to be prepared! For more information,

please access the Get Ready! website: www.accesskent.com/getready.

The Fact Sheet Topic of the Month will also be available at:

- Kent County Sheriff Dept.- lobby

701 Ball Ave. NE, Grand Rapids

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- American Red Cross of Greater Grand Rapids - lobby
1050 Fuller NE, Grand Rapids

Stepping Stones Program

If you are:

- A Kent County Resident
- 60+
- and have been recently discharged from a hospital, rehabilitation center or nursing center OR
- homebound due to a recent illness, injury or other reason...

You may benefit from this program!!

Stepping Stones is an in home recreational therapy program designed to help you enjoy activities in or outside your home.

There are many benefits from this program, so please call for more information. This program is made possible through special funding by the Kent County Senior Millage. Many people qualify for this service at no charge! Find out more by contacting the Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist (CTRS).

Phone: 616-530-3190

Email: parks@info@ci.wyoming.mi.us

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday

9:00 am-3:00 pm

Telephone: (616)696-5332



Holiday Hours

The Township will be **CLOSED** on Wednesday, December 24 - Tuesday December 30 & Thursday January 1st.

Regular Hours resume Monday January 5th.