

Clinton Currents

Special A-to-Z Guide to Clinton Township

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Charter Township of Clinton, Michigan

Spring/Summer 2010

After-hours phone number for emergencies involving water and sewer has changed to: **(586) 493-7900.**

Board meetings are every other Monday evening in the chambers at the Civic Center at 40700 Romeo Plank Road. Upcoming board meetings are May 10, 24; June 7, 21; July 6, 19 and August 2, 16 and 30, 2010. The seven-member Board represents the residents of the township:

Supervisor Robert J. Cannon

Clerk George Fitzgerald

Treasurer William J. Sowerby

Trustee Ernest O. Hornung Trustee Dean Reynolds

Trustee Jenifer "Joie" West Trustee Kenneth Pearl

Supervisor's Message

By: Robert J. Cannon

Clinton Township Supervisor

Spring always reminds me of newfound energy and hope for our beautiful Michigan summers—times that we can enjoy in the company of friends and family.

We all know that the 21st century has been characterized by rapid change. Our state is facing an economic downturn not seen since the Great Depression. In the last 10 years, Michigan has lost about one million jobs, and the stark reality is that revenues for funding local and other governmental units are at 1965 levels. Many people think that Charles Darwin said that "only the strongest will survive"; however, that is not what he said. Instead, he said this: "It's not the strongest of the species that survives, nor the fastest, nor the most intelligent, but rather, the ones most responsive to change".

Adaptability to change will be the key to us in government if we wish to continue the success and progress we have made as a community. Your township board, our staff, and I, continue to work diligently to find the proper mix in this economic downturn. I have worked with the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) to keep informed of our ever-changing landscape. This June, I will become the chairperson of SEMCOG, and will continue to monitor and report to our board, as well as boards throughout the region, on a variety of economic topics.

With all the distress in the economy, there are still many wonderful activities to enjoy right here in your township. I hope you take advantage of what Clinton Township has to offer you and your loved ones in your neighborhoods. On behalf of the township Board, have a relaxing and enjoyable summer.

Clinton Township Television "CTTV" provides gavel-to-gavel coverage of board meetings every other Monday live at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are re-telecast on Saturday at 2 p.m. and Tuesday the following week at 8 p.m. Information about cable providers can be heard by calling (586) 723-8145. The channel streams on the township web site. Weekly community programming begins every Friday and can be viewed by subscribers to Comcast, WOW and AT&T.

Directory of Township Departments

CLINTON TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY

Civic Center: (586) 286-8000

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

40700 Romeo Plank Road • Clinton Twp., Michigan 48038

All Clinton Township departments are found on the web:

www.clintontownship-mi.gov

EMERGENCY Police and Fire	911
Assessing	286-9468
Budget and Finance	286-9353
Building and Ordinance Enforcement	286-9323
Cable TV and Communications	286-9316
Clerk	286-9422
Elections Division	286-9420
Emergency Management	723-8069
Engineering	286-9387
Fire-Rescue-EMS (non-emergency number)	263-8437
Human Resources	286-9341
Information Technology	286-9434
Parks and Recreation	286-9336
Planning and Community Development	286-9325
Police (non-emergency/business line)	493-7800
Public Works (DPW)	286-9465
Senior Activities Center	286-9333
Supervisor	723-8092
Treasurer	286-9313
Trustees/Administrative Aide	286-9366
Water and Sewer	286-9300
Water and Sewer (after hours NEW number)	493-7900
41-B District Court	469-9300

Please note: 41-B District Court is located at 22380 Starks Drive, Clinton Township, serving the communities of Clinton and Harrison townships and Mount Clemens.

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Elections are coming up on August 3 for key offices, such as Macomb County Executive and Michigan Governor. The Clerk's Elections Division also handles school elections. Call with questions: (586) 286-9420. (Also, see Voter Information.)

Festival of the Senses will be held September 25 and 26. Artists are invited. Call (586) 286-9366 for details.

George George Park and all of Clinton Township's public parks are open from 9 a.m. until dusk.



Healing Wall - A half-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., will come to Clinton Township's Civic Center Park September 2 to 5. Featured is a 250-foot-long replica of the Memorial in Washington, as well as an Information Center and traveling museum. Special activities include opening ceremonies at 6 p.m., Thursday, September 2, that will feature a National Guard fly-over. The Wall that Heals will be open 24 hours a day. There is no admission fee.

Information about the township is available at the web site at www.clintontownship-mi.gov, by tuning to CTTV, and by calling the general number at (586) 286-8000.

Japanese Sister City guests are scheduled to arrive in Clinton Township in July. Homestay volunteers are needed. Phone (586) 286-9366.

Keeping the watershed healthy Join "Walk on the Wild Side" for the Clinton River July 24 at the Detroit Zoo. Go to www.crw.org.

Library summer hours for Clinton-Macomb begin Memorial Day weekend and go through Labor Day.

Macomb County road construction includes projects in the township through summer.

No Smoking Law, effective May 1, applies to all workplaces in Michigan, including restaurants. For questions call 1-866-59-SMOKE or contact Macomb County Health.

Offices at the Civic Center will be closed on Memorial Day, on Monday, July 5, and on Labor Day.

Permits for home improvements are required for electrical, heating/cooling, plumbing, decks and many other projects. Call (586) 286-9323 to check with the Building Department.

Quality of the water you drink is part of this publication and a report that is required by law.

Rubbish will not be collected on Memorial Day and Labor Day. Collection will be delayed by one day for the remainder of the week, with Friday's pick up on Saturday.

Senior Center has partnered with several agencies to be an application site for residents 60+ on fixed incomes to apply for assistance with food and medical care. Call the Clinton Township Senior Center at (586) 286-9333.

Taxes for summer 2010 are due July 1 and payable without interest through Sept. 14, 2010. Failure to receive a bill does not waive your responsibility. The free "Easy Pay" method: electronic payments from a checking or savings account are accepted for tax bills by phone at 1-877-490-5123 or by Internet at www.clintontownship-mi.gov, click the "BILL PAY" tab.

United Way Help Line is 211 for all types of information, including foreclosure prevention resources.

Voter information can be found at www.Michigan.gov/vote with registration info, ballots and precincts.

WPYD 1610 AM is the township's information radio station for weather and roads.

X-tra blood supplies are needed. Contact the Red Cross to donate. The township plans a fall drive.

Yard waste placed in plastic bags will not be picked up for removal; only Kraft-treated paper bags.

Zoological society memberships are offered at a discount. Call the Detroit Zoo at (248) 541-5717.