



Carmel Township News

Summer Tax Collection Hours

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2024 summer tax bills were printed and mailed out the first week of July. They are due and payable on or before September 16, 2024, without interest being assessed. On September 17th, a 1% interest charge will be added to your unpaid tax bill and an additional 1% will be added the first of every month thereafter until the tax bill is fully paid.

Taxes may be paid by cash or check, payable to the Carmel Township Treasurer, by mail, or at the Township Hall inside service counter on Tuesday's from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm; beginning July 9, 2024.

You may also use our convenient drop box or service counter, inside the Carmel Township offices at 661 Beech Highway. Also, for your convenience, taxes may be paid at Independent Bank, Charlotte branch, during regular business hours for the current tax season.

Online payments by credit card or e-check/ACH can be made via the Carmel Township website at www.carmeltownship-mi.gov.

Fees apply; 2.95% for credit card payments or a flat fee of \$1.95 for e-check/ACH.

Please inspect your tax bill to make sure that, if you are eligible to receive the Principal Residence Exemption (PRE), you are receiving it. You can verify this by looking at your tax bill and verifying that the PRE percentage is set to 100%. If you feel that you should be receiving this exemption and your PRE is not set to 100%,

Check to make sure the address of mailing is correct and where you would like your bill sent to. If you winter in another location, it is up to the resident to notify the assessor of the change of address. YOU MUST contact the township assessor to remedy this. The assessor may be contacted by calling

517-543-9650 ext. 3 or email to assessor@carmeltownship-mi.gov.

It is the responsibility of the tax payer to verify that the tax bill is correct and, if not, the tax payer can download a form from the State of Michigan at www.michigan.gov/documents/2368f_2605_7.pdf; and mail the completed form to Carmel Township Assessor, 661 Beech Hwy., Charlotte, Michigan 48813. ■

9-Day Early Voting for Carmel Residents

Supervisor Willard has been working closely with the Eaton County Clerk, Diana Bosworth and the nineteen jurisdictions of Eaton County to implement the early voting for the residents.

Supervisor Steven Willard states *"that a central location was needed and Carmel was best served in major cost reduction and ease for the voting of the nine days saving thousands of dollars while serving the needs of all our communities."* Nineteen townships and cities will be tendering the cost of operation to the Carmel Township offices for the early nine-day voting.

Carmel residents will be voting for the nine-day, absent voter, and election day in the Carmel

offices. Supervisor Willard further stated, "we look forward to a long relationship with the County of Eaton and the other 19 entities we will be working with in the nine-day early voting of each federal and state election. We are also collaborating with EATRAN to bring free rides for those who need assistance in getting to the voting site with designated pickup area."

You can contact the Eaton Area Transportation Authority (EATRAN) by calling 543-4087 to schedule your free ride to Carmel for casting your vote. Buses are accessible to persons with disabilities.

For more election information contact the clerk's office clerk@carmeltownship-mi.gov and/or 517-543-9650. ext. 1. ■



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Carmel Recycles (Donates) to Charlotte Area Recycling Authority (CARA)

Carmel township recently upgraded the security camera system from 1080 to 4K resolution to comply with the Bureau of Elections oversight and further security of the new election drop boxes on a 24-hour bases. This left the township with what to do with the older system secured under a grant.

The recycling center has had several vandals remove items from the area, needing protection and without funds to upgrade. Supervisor Steven Willard worked with the Department of Public Works and CARA staff to donate the older system to use at the recycling center at no cost to the city.

Supervisor Willard stated that “we are proud to be able to partner with the City of Charlotte to assist in their protection of property and security of personnel at no cost to the city and utilize the donation from Carmel Township.”



New Septic Replacement Loan Program

Carmel Township residents can obtain assistance from the Septic Replacement Loan Program, which provides low-interest financing options for loans up to \$50,000 to Michigan homeowners looking to replace their septic systems.

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy has partnered with Michigan Saves to offer financing for the replacement of failing or near-failing septic systems, in efforts to protect Michigan’s water resources and safeguard the well-being of its residents.

How to get started

- 1 Select your Michigan saves authorized septic installation contractor. Search for authorized contractors at michigansaves.org/find-a-contractor.
- 2 Contact your local health department to establish the project scope and to obtain a

construction permit. All systems permitted through the SRLP must be designed in accordance with the program minimum standards. Find these standards at michigansaves.org/programstandards.

- 3 Apply for a Michigan Saves loan at michigansaves.org/loancenter once you have obtained an LHD construction permit and bid from your authorized contractor.

Have a contractor that isn’t authorized through Michigan Saves? Getting authorized is easy. They can learn more at michigansaves.org/septiccontractor Visit MichiganSaves.org/Septic/ for additional information, to find a Michigan Saves authorized contractor and to begin the financing process for septic system replacement.

For local assistance contact *Supervisor Steven Willard* at supervisor@carmeltownship-mi.gov or ext. 4 at 543-9650.

Call Carmel Clerk's office before you Burn!

Carmel Township Board would like to remind all residents that we have a new fire ordinance. The township charges \$500.00 for residents for structure fires and fires without burning permits. Burning permits may be obtained, free of charge, by calling 517-543-9650 ext., 1 or visit the website to sign up for a burning permit at <https://www.carmeltownship-mi.gov> or email clerk@carmeltownship-mi.gov after August 1, 2024.

Permits for brush piles, leaves/yard waste & controlled burns of grass, the applicant must obtain a burning permit from the Carmel township clerk’s office prior to burning by calling 517-543-9650. (Permit duration can be issued for 1 to 7 days). A year-long application is being considered in the near future from April 1 to April 1 of each year.

The permit applicant MUST reside at or own the property of the permit address.

The permit holder must follow all burning regulations adopted by the township the address resides on Ordinance Number 1, dated August 1, 2024.

A recreational bonfire **does not** require a burning permit so long as the following conditions are met:

- A. Bonfires must be 50 feet from lot lines and 25 feet from structures in an enclosed area such as rocks or fire pit.
- B. The wood burned in a bonfire must be seasoned, dry wood. No green wood, brush, lumber or other material may be burned. Burning of building demolition is not allowed.
- C. The fire or smoke from the bonfire must not adversely affect neighbors or the public.
- D. The bonfire must not cause any general safety hazards.

Any person issued a burning permit by the Township Clerk must retain the permit and must present the permit to any fire authority representative or public safety officer upon demand.

For questions call the Carmel Township Clerk’s office at:

517-543-9650 ext. 1.