

I would like to thank all those people who helped celebrate our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary in September, 2009. I want to express special gratitude to the planning committee:

**Bob Miller Ray Berg Beth Heuser David Davis**

Though our lives are vastly different 175 years later, the sense of community, the importance of friendship and the joy of picnics are still as valuable now as they were 175 years ago. Approximately \$ 10,000 was raised, which funded the picnic, cemetery clean-up and the preparation of a book entitled Freedom Township – The Early Years, available for \$15 by contacting Bob Miller at 428-7222, purchase at Nicola's Books in Ann Arbor or check the website. Photographs and description of these events are on the home page of our website [www.twp-freedom.org](http://www.twp-freedom.org).

It was a time to remember those who came before us, to share memories and to honor those who have worked for Freedom Township in so many ways for many years.

Thanks to all of us. We had a really good time.

Dale Weidmayer

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**WHO TO CALL:**

- Supervisor Dale Weidmayer – 734-429-7101
- Treasurer Shirley Haeussler 734-429-7162
- Clerk Jennifer Alexa 428-0822
- Trustee Dan Schaible 428-7241
- Trustee Denny Huehl 475-1051
- Planning Comm Chair - Larry Lindemann - 428-9687
- Zoning Inspector – Jim Coval 734- 429-4112
- Ordinance Enforcement - Alvin Ernst - 662-8085
- Township Hall Manager – Jill Eckfeld – 428-9476

**FROM SHIRLEY HÆUSSLER:**

summer taxes due 9/14;  
winter taxes due 2/14.

Make check to Freedom Township and

- send to address on tax bill;
- take to Manchester United Bank and Trust and pay there;
- or call for times to pay at the Hall.

If you spot a **wild boar** running free - big or small - remember it is faster than you are. Don't chase it. Call Alvin Ernst, 662-8085.



**From the Supervisor:**

The Washtenaw County Road Commission has a new program offering matching funds for Township road services - up to \$13,000. The County also has a matching fund for road projects in our township of \$13,846.

Though we don't have sufficient funds to match all of this right now, your Board is asking for approval of a five-year road millage, to allow us to access some of these monies. Details are in the flow chart on the next page.

Whether you vote for, or against, this millage increase on August 3, 2010, this election will be important. It's the primary for Governor, Congress, Senate, State Rep. and several other positions. **VOTE.** If you don't vote, you can't complain.

You can vote by absentee ballot. The Township Clerk, Jennifer Alexa, needs a statement in writing, with address and signature, confirming you will not be in town on election day. Make this request at any time, and you will receive a ballot as soon as they are available, probably 3-4 weeks before the election.

Is your life blighted by **STUFF?** Overrun by **THINGS?**

Ask yourself: Is it useful to you?  
If it is useful, clean it up, put it away, and pat yourself on the back.

**HOWEVER,**

If it's been untouched in the basement, yard, barn/garage, or closet for more than a year (well, maybe two), it is probably not necessary to you. You can **GIVE. RECYCLE. SELL. OR ....**

**GIVE** → Donate to local garage sales that will put the money to work in your community.

→ Give usable clothing or household items to resale shops, the Salvation Army, local church groups, etc Thus, you give to them, and they give to the community.

**RECYCLE** → Guidelines for the Township Hall recycle bins are on Page 3 (If the front of the bin is full, check the back!)

**SELL** → Have your own garage sale.

→ Alvin Ernst, Ordinance Officer, says the price of steel is UP; so now is great time to sell unusable or un-plated vehicles or parts. You might as well sell them; hiding them in the tall grass doesn't work. (*The grass never gets tall enough.*)

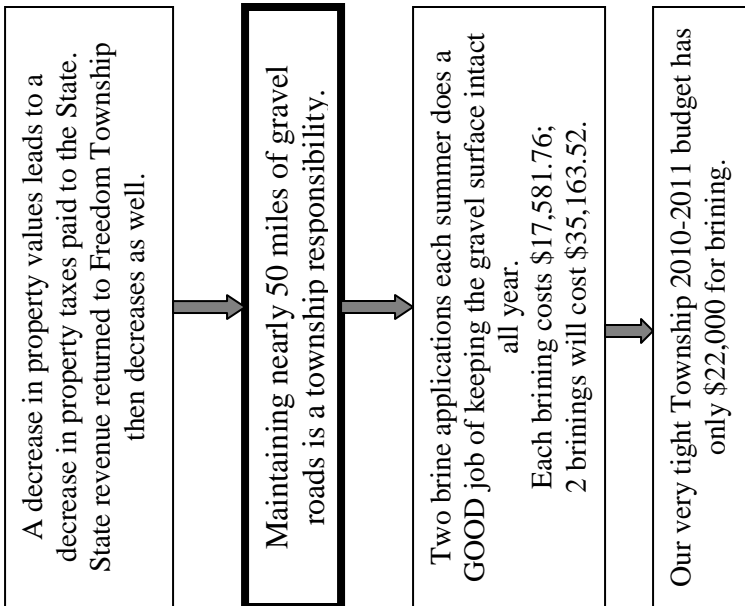
**OR .....** → From local ordinances: "The term **JUNK** shall include parts of machinery or motor vehicles, unused stoves or other appliances stored in the open, remnants of wood, metal, or other material or other castoff material of any kind whether or not the same could be put to any reasonable use; The storage or accumulation of junk, trash, rubbish, or refuse of any kind, except domestic refuse stored in such a manner as not to create a nuisance for a period not to exceed 30 days".

→ Get a burn permit – 428-9439 –your favorite cold beverage, and burn, baby, burn.

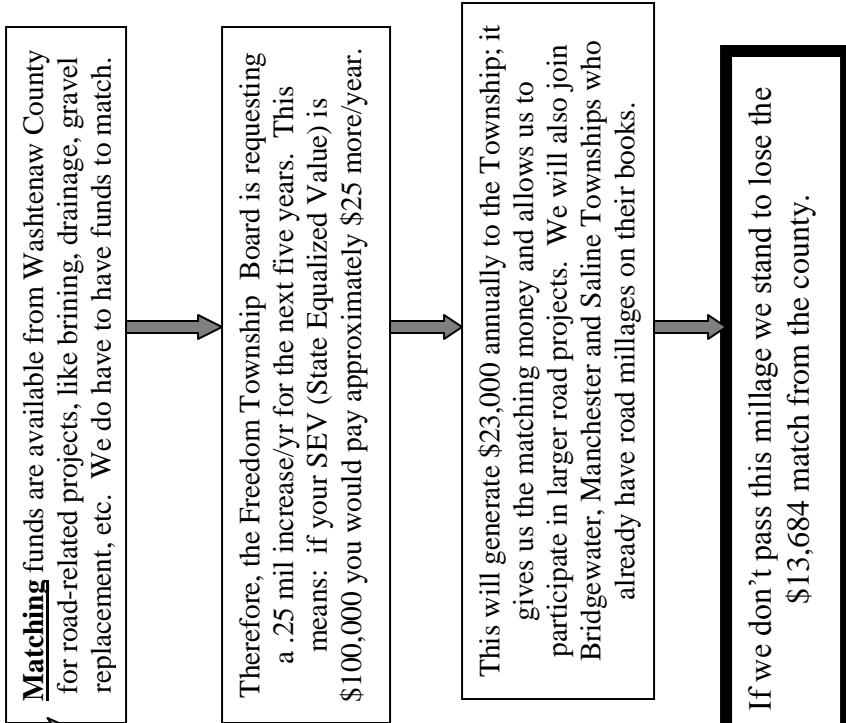
**VOTE YES TO INCREASE YOUR OWN TAXES.**

or come the bad weather you WILL wish you had.

**Start Here – follow the arrows. Vote. Vote either Yes or no; in person or absentee; just vote August 3<sup>rd</sup>.**



**\$13,163.52 problem**



**Informational meetings Tuesday June 8<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday July 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM at the Township Hall.**

Come. Learn. Vote. Support Freedom Township.

**Primary and Millage Election – Tuesday August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2010**

At our Website [www.twp-freedom.org](http://www.twp-freedom.org) find out:

- Procedures and cost of renting the Township Hall for parties, meetings, picnics.
- what's happened or what's coming up in the Township and environs
- current and past minutes and agendas of the Board and Planning Commission
- Updated texts of zoning ordinances
- And more. Much more. **CHECK IT OUT!**

**Wireless Washtenaw Dies** sort of . . . .

The Wireless Washtenaw project, designed to provide universal point-to-point high speed Internet service within Freedom Township, has gone through a confusing set of events in the last three months.

First was application and rejection for federal stimulus monies. 20/20 had been relying on this funding to jumpstart the program into rural areas like Freedom Township.

Then 20/20 suddenly announced the sale of its existing Wireless Washtenaw customer base to 123Net of Southfield, which required approval of Washtenaw County. 123Net stated that it would expand high-speed Internet coverage in Washtenaw County, but with different technology.

Since this initial flurry of news back in March, **nothing has happened.** Wireless Washtenaw users are still billed by and serviced by 20/20 Communications. Neither the County nor the 20/20 websites have given further information.

So Freedom Township is left with existing Internet service choices, Further developments, if any, will be posted on the township website.

**Historic Cemetery Project**

Funds generated during the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary picnic will enable cleanup and historical marking of the two township-owned cemeteries: Freedom Cemetery, aka Waters Road Cemetery, on Waters east of Rentz; and Fletcher Road Cemetery on Fletcher north of Pleasant Lake Road.

We will clean up and do limited restoration; placing historical markers with details of origin/history of the cemetery and persons believed buried there, and the origin and naming of these cemeteries by the original property owners.

The Committee also presented to the Freedom Township Board a draft ordinance for township management of these cemeteries and others that may come under township control in the future.

Please contact Ray Berg 428-7705 or Bob Miller 428-7222 for further information or to volunteer. (or check the website!)

**THE MANCHESTER DISTRICT LIBRARY**

**NOW OPEN SUNDAY AFTERNOONS!**

Learn about the library:

- <http://www.manchesterlibrary.info/> - general info
- [manchesterlibrary.wordpress.com/](http://manchesterlibrary.wordpress.com/) - blog
- <http://tln.lib.overdrive.com/> - download e-Books or digital audio books from your home computer
- call 428-8045, or
- come to the library and ask. Anytime. Anything.

The Library offers summer cards.

**\$35.00 per family for 3 months** after Memorial Day weekend.

**You can return library materials to the purple box in front of Fredonia Market.**

Our Library Trustees: Lisa Paul, and Jan Neukom

**THE RECYCLING BINS**

**Residential Use Only**

**OK**

Newsprint, Junk Mail, Glossy Magazines

Tin, Aluminum, Scrap Iron, Clean food containers, other clean metal.

Corrugated Cardboard – Broken down, Please.

Clean brown, amber or clear glass food containers  
**NO LIDS, PLEASE**

Plastic, only HD #1, HD#2

**NOT OK**

Automotive containers or fluids :oil, anti-freeze,etc.

Plastic Hangers, Toys, Shrink Wrap, Flower Pots or trays, fencing, bags or Styrofoam

Cereal box type cardboard

Window glass, drinking glasses, sliding glass doors, dishes or light bulbs

Gas Cans  
Air Conditions  
Burning Barrels  
Chairs  
Garage Door Openers  
Wood  
Garbage  
Vinyl Siding

THE LIBRARY'S FIRST

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**AUG 21 1-4PM FREE**

Games, story telling, crafts and demonstrations.

