# Hopkins Township

July 2008

## Interested in preserving our rural, agricultural character in Hopkins Township?

The Allegan County Farmland Preservation Board is currently accepting applications for the Purchase of Development Rights Program. This program is one tool the Township and County are using to preserve farmland. The Hopkins Township Board is encouraging owners of agricultural property, which is approximately 75% of our township land, to apply. The PDR Program offers financial incentives to farmers to keep their land undeveloped. A completed application is not an obligation to complete a Purchase of Development Rights agreement, but will demonstrate the community's commitment to preserving farmland and will improve our ability to secure Private, State and Federal funding. Applications are being accepted until August 1, 2008. Please obtain an application at www.allegancounty.org or by contacting:

Farmland Preservation Board
County Service Building
Administration Department
3283 122nd Ave
Allegan, MI 49010
269.673.0203 ext. 2634

## *Treasurer's Notes*

If you have received a tax bill and have an escrow account through your mortgage company, please send a copy of the bill to your mortgage company. We make every effort to bill escrow accounts directly but occasionally when accounts are transferred this information becomes outdated.

***Thank you!***

## *Hopkins Township is now Online!*

Make sure to visit our Township website at www.hopkinstownship.org for all the local information you will ever need. All township business including meetings and public hearings is there, as well as links to other governmental units. Pictures, stories and all kinds of information about the past and present is there for you to visit. Take a look!

## *From the Clerk…*

**Absent Voter Ballot Applications** are available at the Hopkins Public Library, online at www.michigan.gov/vote or by calling the clerk at 269-793-7742 or 269-793-7245. Completed applications can be emailed to clerk@hopkinstownship.org or mailed to

Dawn Arndt, Clerk
P.O. Box 217
Hopkins, MI 49328.

If you would like an absent voter ballot for both elections, include both dates and titles on a single application.

*The Hopkins Area Fire Department asks our community to keep Firefighter **Justin Johnson** in your thoughts and prayers while serving our country in Iraq with the Michigan National Guard.*

# 2008 Road Project

Just over two miles of 22nd Street will be resurfaced this summer between 130th and 134th Ave. The approximate cost: $230,000.00

Please be patient and alert in construction zones.

# *Your Vote Counts!*

***PRIMARY ELECTION,*** *Tuesday, August 5th.*
***GENERAL ELECTION,*** *Tuesday, November 4th.*
*All Hopkins Township voters vote at Hopkins Township/Village Hall.*
*Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.*

## Township Proposals on the August 5th Primary Ballot:

1. Renewal of the 2 mills for road maintenance and improvement for tax years 2009 and 2010.

2. Renewal of the .05 mill road millage rollback for tax years 2009 and 2010.

## Candidates for Township Board

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| Supervisor: | Bryan Barks, Republican<br>Mark Evans, Republican |
| Clerk: | Lisa Battjes, Republican<br>Tonya J. Schaendorf, Republican |
| Treasurer: | Dawn Arndt, Republican<br>Lori L. Castello, Republican |
| Trustees:<br>(*two seats)* | Douglas Hills, Republican<br>Charles Wamhoff, Republican |

# *Calendar of Events*

***July***
*4 Independence Day*
*14 Township Board meets*
*21 Planning Commission meets*

***August***
*5 Primary Elections*
*11 Township Board meets*
*12 Zoning Board of Appeals meets*

***September***
*2 Labor Day*
*8 Township Board meets*
*15 Summer Taxes Due*

***October***
*13 Township Board meets*
*20 Planning Commission meets*

***November***
*4 General Election*
*10 Township Board meets*
*11 Veteran's Day*
*12 Zoning Board of Appeals meets*

***December***
*8 Township Board meets*