



# Climax Township 2024 Winter Newsletter

**Climax Township Hall  
110 N. Main/P.O. Box 369**

**Phone: 746-4103 / Fax: 746-4114**  
**Regular meetings are 7:00 pm the  
second Tuesday of each month.**  
**Website: [www.climaxtownship.org](http://www.climaxtownship.org)**

**SUPERVISOR:** Please drive safely by obeying traffic laws while watching out for school busses And wild-life!

“Thank you” to all of the voter’s who supported our Fire & Road millage’s in 2024. This allows for our township to be a safer place for all.

Between now & the spring of 2025 you will see several Cemetery improvements. This includes new flag pole’s, new sign’s, and a beautiful Columbarium along with the circle driveway at Harrison Cemetery.

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**Burn Permits...** To avoid a charge you **must** call **746-4664** for a burning permit. Leave your name, phone number, address, and what you would like to burn. There is no cost for the permit and you will not get a call back for your permit, we just need your information.

**Long driveway?** Please keep your trees trimmed back

**On a dark and stormy night** if you have an emergency, can emergency personnel easily locate your home? A reflective address sign could be just what you need. We make up the signs here at the Township office and all proceeds go to the funding of our township fire department. The cost is only \$15 and that’s certainly worth your peace of mind.

**Household Hazardous Waste:** As a resident you may take your items for disposal to 1301 Lamont Avenue in Kalamazoo. **Pay the fee they charge, get a receipt, and submit the receipt to Township Clerk. We will reimburse the full amount you paid until we reach our \$800 threshold for the fiscal year ending March 31. Currently, there is \$571 available.**

## *Township Officials/ Office Hours*

- **Supervisor:** Trent Piper by appointment call 746.5572 E-mail [Supervisor@climaxtownship.org](mailto:Supervisor@climaxtownship.org)
- **Treasurer:** Steven Walman Fri. 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. E-mail: [Treasurer@climaxtownship.org](mailto:Treasurer@climaxtownship.org)
- **Clerk:** Sarah DeBoer **Mon. 9-4, Tues 9-noon**  
E-mail: [Clerk@climaxtownship.org](mailto:Clerk@climaxtownship.org)
- **Trustee:** Cheryl Bates  
E-mail: [Cherylctwp@gmail.com](mailto:Cherylctwp@gmail.com)
- **Trustee:** Richard Thierjung no office hours.  
Please call 269.746.4654
- **Deputy Clerk:** Amy Strzalkowski  
E-mail: [Deputyclerk@climaxtownship.org](mailto:Deputyclerk@climaxtownship.org)
- **Deputy Treasurer:** Linda Beebe Tues. 8-noon  
E-mail: [Deputytreasurer@climaxtownship.org](mailto:Deputytreasurer@climaxtownship.org)
- **Assessor:** Chad Razmus-no office hours  
please call 616.202.6509  
E-mail: [Chad.apgllc@gmail.com](mailto:Chad.apgllc@gmail.com)
- **Planning Commission:** Dickson Brubaker
- **Road Committee:** Joel Amos
- **Cemetery Sexton:** The GroundsKeeper  
269.207.3507

Dog licenses are only issued during Treasurer’s hours on Tues. 8-noon & Fri. 9:30-11:30 until Feb 28

**CLERK:** This will be my last newsletter. It was an honor & privilege to serve as your Clerk. I know you will welcome your new Clerk Sarah DeBoer and her Deputy Amy Strzalkowski.

**Election**

General election:

We had a large turnout of 823 in-person, 523 absent voter, and 122 voters went to an early voting site to cast their ballot.

Two permanent absentee lists are in effect today.

Permanent Absentee Application List- voters receive an application to vote absentee.

Permanent Ballot List -to automatically receive a ballot.

Early Voting sites will be available for all federal & state elections 9 consecutive days prior to the Election. Currently there are 4 sites in Kalamazoo County. And of course, you may still get an absentee ballot at the township hall, and vote in-person election day.

For more information go to: <https://www.michigan.gov/sos/elections/voting/early-in-person-voting>, and <https://www.michigan.gov/vote>

**Contact: South Central Michigan Construction Code Inspections (SCMCCI) for your bldg, plumbing, electrical, and mechanical permits at: 888.249.7077 or 269.729.5355.**

**They are located at:**

**113 South Capital Ave., Athens, MI 49011**

**They also serve as Township Zoning Administrator to answer your Zoning Ordinance questions.**

**ROAD COMMITTEE:** Meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall the first Monday of Jan. thru April, October and December.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** Please see the Township website for the 2024 regular meeting schedule that are held at the Climax Township Hall, 7:00 P.M. Special meetings will be held as needed. The public is invited to all meetings.

**TREASURER:** This newsletter will arrive with your winter tax bills that are due by February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025. We send tax bills to everyone even if you have them paid by your mortgage company. Look on the upper left corner of the tax stub at the bottom third of the tax bill where it says "Mortgage Co." if there is a company printed there they are asking for the tax bill to process payment. We send the tax bill to you so you know how much your taxes are that the mortgage company is paying.

Payments received after February 14, 2025 will have a 1% interest per month and a 3% penalty added. **To get correct amount owed, please call Township Treasurer's office.**

After February 28<sup>th</sup> taxes have to be paid at Kalamazoo County Treasurer's office. Mail payments to:

**Climax Township Treasurer**

**P.O. Box 369**

**Climax, MI 49034-0369**

Or put your payment in the drop box in front of the Township Hall. No Cash in the drop box please. Send us a **stamped, self-addressed envelope** and we will mail you a receipt for payment of taxes. **Taxes can be paid in person at the Township Hall on Tues. 8-noon, & most Fri 9:30-11:30**

- **Reflective address signs** are available at the Township hall. Cost is only **\$15!**
- **Report road issues** at 269.381.3171 or [www.kalamazoocountyroads.com](http://www.kalamazoocountyroads.com)
- **BS&A Property Tax** information is available at: [Climaxtownship.org](http://Climaxtownship.org) or <https://bsaonline.com/?uid=1341>
- **Report a street light outage** at [www.comsumersenergy.com](http://www.comsumersenergy.com) and type in "street"
- **Need a dog license?** They will be issued only during Treasurer's office hours of **Tues. from 8-noon and Fri. from 9:30 to 11:30 at the Township Hall until Feb. 28, 2025**

**Land divisions, parcel combinations, boundary adj., and new addresses** are handled by Chad Razmus as Land Division Administrator. Complete the application & return to Clerk with your check. Forms are available on the Twp website

**CEMETERIES:** New lots are only available in the Gilson Cemetery at this time.

Resident or Twp. property owner-Full Lot (4 sites) \$750

Resident or Twp. property owner-1/2 Lot (2 sites) \$375

All others-Full Lot (4 sites) \$1,500

All others-1/2 Lot (2 sites) \$ 750

Please contact Sextant at 269.207.3507 or Clerk at 746-4103 to purchase the burial rights on a lot.