



# MASON TOWNSHIP NEWS

## NEW CEMETERY SEXTON HIRED

Larry Wolf served as the Mason Township Sexton for 25 years, and chose to retire from the position this year. Larry followed in the footsteps of his father, Joseph, and took care of the Five Points and Kessington East and West cemeteries.

Sexton duties include selling plots, coordinating with funeral home time constraints, and opening and closing grave sites. We sincerely thank Larry for the time and care he gave to our cemeteries. The Township Board has awarded him with a Certificate of Appreciation.

New to the position is Gail Levan. Gail, assisted by her husband Gary, is currently familiarizing herself with the cemetery layouts and plot assignments.

Gail served as Sexton in Porter Township for ten years, so she is familiar with the process. She has become a member of the Michigan Cemetery Association, and has shown a sincere interest in cemetery matters.

The contact number for the Sexton is cell phone 269-816-1510.

We welcome Gail to the Township.

## BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE

The date of the next Board of Review meeting is set for July 20th at 7:00pm, at the Township Hall.

This meeting is to correct mutual mistakes and clerical errors only. Assessment values cannot be disputed at this time.

THE NEWLY REVISED  
MASON TOWNSHIP  
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN  
IS NOW AVAILABLE  
ONLINE  
AND ON  
CD.



*Thanks to resident  
Eugene Ostrom, the  
Supervisor has a new  
handmade gavel.*

## TO REACH US

- Phone: 269-641-5923
- Fax: 269-641-5718
- Address: 17049 US 12  
Edwardsburg MI 49112
- Treasurer Ph: 269-699-7388
- Treas. Fax: 269-699-5654
- Office hours: Thursdays  
10:00-4:00 & 7:00-8:00pm
- Board Meeting: 2nd Tues.

## MASON TOWNSHIP BOARD

Elected in 2008 for a four-year term

- Supervisor - John A. Brandt  
269-641-5923
- Clerk - Janet Dull  
269-641-5726
- Treasurer - Arlene M. Chew  
269-699-7388
- Trustee - David R. Allen  
269-699-5141
- Trustee - Jerry R. Myers  
269-414-4266
- Assessor - Dianna McGrew  
269-445-2921
- Cemetery Sexton - Gail Levan  
269-816-1510

## MASON TOWNSHIP BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Building Department Inspectors:

- Building...Lennel Smith  
269-476-8865
- Electrical...Jack Hughes  
269-641-7280
- Mechanical and Plumbing...  
Ed Wainwright  
269-663-8542
- Zoning Administrator /  
Code Enforcement Officer...  
Doug Kuhlman  
888-495-9002

## PUBLICATIONS

- Official Newspaper...  
*The Elkhart Truth*
- Mason Township News Editor...  
Arlene M. Chew
- Photography by...Tom Dull  
Pam Wiedenmannott  
Saumbera Wiedenmannott

## IN MEMORY

Two women who made a difference in Mason Township recently passed away. Our hearts go out to their families.

Shirley Stewart, a long time resident of Mason Township, was co-owner of Best Plastics, Inc., once the largest employer in Cass County. The Stewart family donated a large amount of the cost to construct the housing for our historical schoolhouse bell when it was returned to the Township.

Mary Lindley donated the solar flag pole in the Five Points Cemetery to honor Veterans. Her late husband, L. Reid Lindley, served in three wars: WWII, Korean, and Vietnam. A special Veterans Flag Memorial Fund was established to help defray any expenses for future upkeep of the solar lighting at the flagpole. The family asked that memorial contributions in memory of Mary be given to this fund, in care of the township.



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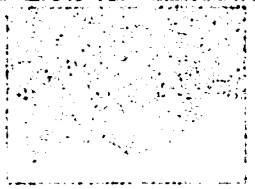
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MASON-UNION LIBRARY

Mason-Union Library, housed in the historical schoolhouse portion of the Township Hall, has many programs throughout the year, not only for children, but for families as well.

Visit their website at [cass.lib.mi.us](http://cass.lib.mi.us) for a monthly calendar of events.

The Historical Branch in Cassopolis is a research library that assists those in search for information relating to Cass County, Michigan.

Anyone who abides by the Library's policies can use materials on site. Cards are required to check materials out and are available free to taxpayers in the District.

Homebound services are available for patrons unable to come to the library.

Other services available include public computers with Internet access, photocopiers, fax service; and at the Main Library in Cass, meeting rooms may be reserved.

ADDRESS NUMBER SIGNS

House number signs are available from the Porter Fire Department. Signs are \$11 and a sign with a pole is \$18. Contact SEPSA at 269-641-7100.

New homes being constructed are assigned a street number by Cass County.

If you live on a new road and still have an address on an adjacent road, we advise you to contact Lt. Doug Westrick at E-911 Dispatch, phone 269-445-1560, and advise him that you do not live ON the road of your address. This is very important for fire and ambulance personnel to be able to find you in an emergency.

ON OUR WEBSITE

- Notice of Obligation to Cut Weeds
- Federal Flood Insurance
- Most recent Township Board meeting minutes
- Zoning and Building Permit applications
- Mason Township History
- Mason Township Directory
- Application to Defer Summer Property Taxes
- Cass County Link

TAX COLLECTION

The top left corner of your tax bill gives you the hours we are available for tax collection.

Credit cards are not accepted, and no taxes are collected at the Township Hall.

US 12 GARAGE SALE

The Friends of the Library organization has booth spaces available on the township property, for the US 12 Garage Sale. The sale is the weekend of August 14th. Contact Deb Lang at phone 269-641-5612 for details.

*"Visit the Cass County parks this summer. A brochure is available at the library or go to their website [www.casscountymi.org/](http://www.casscountymi.org/) parks for hours, rules, or reservations."*

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Pat Sullivan is the recipient of the Southwestern Michigan College \$500 scholarship. Each year the college gives an award to each township. Applications are available in May at the township hall.

Pat is continuing her education in nursing.

COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION

August is sign up month for commodities. Donna Kruse will complete your paperwork during the regular pickup time, on August 18th.

Commodity distribution hours are from 2:00pm to 4:00pm on the scheduled dates, at the Mason Township Hall.

CSFP distribution dates are 7-14-10 and on 8-18-10, with TEFAB distribution on 8-18-10. Additional dates will be posted at the Township Hall, on the bulletin board in the vestibule, when they become available. TEFAB dates are subject to change.

If you have questions you may call Donna Kruse at 269-641-5214. Please have someone bring you on pickup day; we do not deliver.

Thanks to the helpers who volunteer their time. Help is always needed to carry goods in and out of the Township Hall and to the cars.

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Let their repairs be completed for a monthly total of about \$100.

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ON OUR WEBSITE

- Notice of Election to Office
- Election Results
- Most Recent Township Board Meeting Minutes
- Zoning and Building Permits
- Mason Township Website
- Mason Township Director
- Application to District Clerk
- Clerk's Office

ADDRESS NUMBERS SIGNS

House number signs are available from the Post Office Department Signs and are \$11 each with a color is \$19. Contact SEBA at 369-241-7100.

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