

# The Pierson Township News

## ELECTIONS

**Precinct Split:** The Clerk's office is working on splitting into two precincts:

Cannonsville Rd North will be Precinct One and Cannonsville Rd South will be Precinct Two.

Contact the **Clerk's office** for questions about voter registration, absentee voting or precinct information. **Please note the additional hours on Wednesdays!** For a 6 month trial period the office will be open from 9a-7pm \*

**CLERK: SARA BURKHOLDER**  
616-636-8570 ext. 206  
clerk@piersonntp.org  
*Notary services by appointment*

**Office Hours:**  
Tues  
& Thurs  
9a -2pm

**DEPUTY CLERK & CEMETERY ADMINISTRATOR: GINNY PENNINGTON**  
616-636-8570 ext. 207  
depclerk@piersonntp.org  
*Emails are checked outside of office hours, not the phone. Please email for a quick response.*

Wed.  
9a - 7pm\*  
\*6 mo. trial  
*Absentee Ballot  
Dropbox available  
in front of the  
township hall.*

## ASSESSING

Welcome **Jane Kolbe** as the new **Pierson Township Assessor**. At the end of July, **Carl Schuitema** will be retiring.

During the month of July, you may see both of them in the office as they are preparing to make the transition. Jane will continue the Tuesday office hours, 9a-2p, with additional times by appointment. She can be reached at [assessor@piersonntp.org](mailto:assessor@piersonntp.org).

We are grateful to Carl Schuitema for his service and look forward to Jane joining the team.

**ASSESSOR: JANE KOLBE**  
Tuesdays 9 am - 2 pm  
616-636-8570 ext. 202  
assessor@piersonntp.org  
Other times by appointment: 616-675-4905

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 **Facebook: Pierson Township**

 **Instagram: Pierson Township**

## TREASURER'S OFFICE

You will now see new faces in the Treasurers office.

**Kathy Hyrns** has decided to step down as Township Treasurer. We thank her for her service to the township and wish her well in retirement.

Welcome **Lydia Orcutt** as our newly appointed Treasurer and **Tami Piatt** as the newly hired Deputy Treasurer.

Treasurer's office will continue to hold **office hours Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a - 2 pm**. Adding hours on **Wednesday evenings! The office will be open from 9a - 7pm** as a 6 month trial period.

**TREASURER: LYDIA ORCUTT**  
616-636-8570 ext. 201  
treasurer@piersonntp.org

**DEPUTY TREASURER: TAMI PIATT**  
616-636-8570 ext. 200  
deptreasurer@piersonntp.org

*There is assistance options and information online; click on the Treasurer's link or call the Treasurer's office.*

If you pay your taxes via **mortgage escrow**, please call or email the Treasurer's office to verify the mortgage lender & mailing address for billing purposes. Mortgage escrows can include financing, refinancing, or if you have recently paid off your existing mortgage loan.

## SUMMER TAXES

Enclosed is the Summer Tax Bill. **Summer taxes are due and payable without interest until Wed., Sept. 14, 2022\*.**

\* This is also the last day to file for deferment which waives interest through Feb 14, 2023.

### PAYMENT OPTIONS:

\* **Cash, checks, credit cards or e-checks are accepted during office hours at the Treasurers office.**

### Additional Payment Options:

- \* **Mail**
- \* **Dropbox**
- \* **Online** via link at [www.piersonntp.org](http://www.piersonntp.org)
- \* **Independent Bank** in Howard City or Sand Lake (must bring entire tax bill and make checks/ money orders payable to Pierson Township).

**Checks should always be payable to Pierson Township Treasurer.**

Credit card & e-check payments include a processing fee.

## SUPERVISOR & ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

**For owners who rent dwellings in Pierson Township full time, there will be an important information letter enclosed with the tax bill.**

**Lance Gates** has transitioned to the **Zoning Administrator** as of March. He has a flexible afternoon schedule. If appointments are necessary, please contact the office phone 616-636-8570 as the zoning cell has been cancelled.

**SUPERVISOR: DAN BUYZE**  
616-636-8570 ext. 205  
supervisor@piersonntp.org  
Tuesdays 9 am - 2 pm  
& by appointment

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: LANCE GATES**  
Afternoons by appointment  
616-636-8570 ext 204  
zoning@piersonntp.org

**TRUSTEE: JASON BERGMAN**  
616-799-2280  
trustee1@piersonntp.org

Bill Grice resigned as Trustee on June 30. We thank him for his service!

**Schedule for Remainder of 2022:**

- July - Summer Tax Bills mailed
- July 11 @ 6pm Parks & Rec Mtg
- July 20 @ 2-3pm Board of Review
- July 20 @ 7pm Twp Board Mtg
- July 28 @ 7pm Planning Mtg

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- Aug 2 State Primary Election Day
- Aug 8 @ 6pm Parks & Rec Mtg
- Aug 17 @ 7pm Township Board Mtg
- Aug 25 @ 7pm Planning Mtg

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- Sept 10 Clean-Up Day 8 am-Noon
- Sept 12 @ 6 pm Parks & Rec Mtg
- Sept 14 Treasurer's office open 9a-5p
- Last day to pay taxes without interest.**
- Sept 21 @ 7p Township Board Mtg
- Sept 29 @ 7pm Planning Mtg

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- Oct 10 @ 6pm Parks & Rec Mtg
- Oct. 19 @ 7pm Twp Board Mtg
- Oct. 27 @ 7pm Planning Mtg

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- Nov. 8 State General Election Day
- \*\* November meeting is off routine \*\***
- Nov. 22 @ 7pm Twp Board Mtg
- Nov. 29 @ 7pm Planning Mtg

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- Dec. Winter Tax Bills to be sent.
- \*\* December meeting is off routine \*\***
- Dec. 14 @ 7pm Township Board Mtg
- Dec. 22 @ 7pm Planning Mtg

**Check the website for changes to the schedule of meetings!**  
[www.piersontwp.org](http://www.piersontwp.org)

**HALL RENTALS**

CONTACT THE CLERKS OFFICE

\$50 DEPOSIT

\$75 Resident/\$100 Non-resident & 2 hr meeting blocks available.

See application online for full rate details, availability calendar and photos!



**Pierson Township Farmers Market**

Have you checked out the Farmers Market yet? Going into the **FOURTH YEAR**, the Pierson Township Vendors will be set up on Friday afternoons from 3p –7pm!

Watch for Special Events from the Parks & Recreation Committee while they continue to raise funds for the new park. Food trucks will again be invited to cover dinner.

Watch the Township Facebook page for weekly detail and rain out information. Rain events **may** be held in the lower level of the Township hall (if not rented). In addition to Facebook, **the yellow bulletin board will indicate if we are inside the day of the market.** Always free to vend with approved application. Find the application at [www.piersontwp.org](http://www.piersontwp.org)/community.



**Pierson Township  
 Farmers & Artisan Market  
 Fridays 3 pm - 7 pm  
 June 24 - Mid October**

**Township Communications**

Township information is available on Facebook, the Township Website and via a "Pierson Friends Email" once or twice a month. Have you signed up for email communications yet? Click Subscribe to add your name to the list.

Pierson publishes notices & meeting synopsis in the Greenville Daily News. Paper copies are available at the Pierson Trading Post or subscribe online. Not a subscriber to the Daily News? Not to worry, the Legal Notices are accessible online for free at:

<https://thedailynews.cc/michigan-public-notices/>

Simply enter "Montcalm" in the county search and scroll through listings.

**Pierson Township  
 Community Park**

Great News! The Township has hired Rowland Excavating to be the General Contractor for the park project. Weather depending they could begin excavating work on the property behind the township hall mid-July.

There will be picnic tables placed in the garden area for those wanting to watch the progress! Come eat a meal, drop off pop cans, or check it out while at the Farmers Market.

The township hopes to get a few pieces of play equipment ordered and installed in 2022.

We have asked Montcalm County for a very special and inclusive net play piece; we were "tabled," but we will keep working on it!

A grant application with the DNR was submitted in April of 2022. So far - we are still in the running! If awarded at the end of 2022, we could have \$410K for next year's construction of a Pavilion, Basketball court & SPLASH PAD!

**More to come!**

PIERSON TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS:



Cart & 2 bags per week  
 \$11.05 per month

1 package of 10  
 Blue Bags \$25.00

10 bags brought to the  
 landfill per month: FREE!

Unlimited FREE Recycling &  
 Yard Waste once a week!

Jan 2022 Rates



**First Saturday after  
 Memorial & Labor Days!  
 Next Clean Up Day:  
 September 10, 2022**

**Assessing, Treasurer, Zoning offices  
 will be closed on Election Days (Aug 2 &  
 Nov 8) as both precincts will be on the  
 main level of the township hall.**

**Township office will be closed  
 July 5, Sept 6, Nov 23-24**