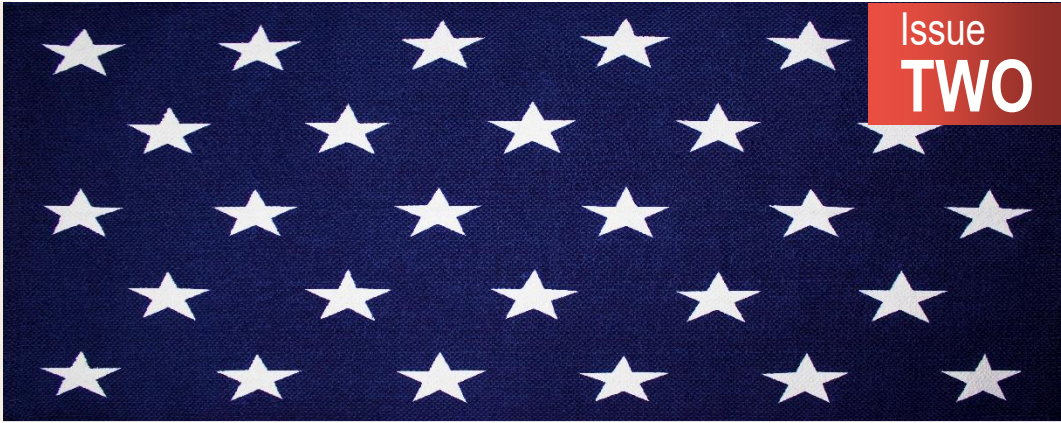


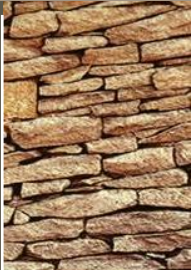
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Alone, we can do so little; together we can do so much!

Walton Township



Township Board and Staff


- Supervisor-Bob Starkweather*
- Treasurer-Jeanine Nowak*
- Clerk- Erin Cummings*
- Trustee-Richard Heisler*
- Trustee-Tom Harmon*
- Assessor-Patti Ostrowski*
- Sexton-John Ostrowski*
- Transfer Station Attendent- Dave Soblesky*

Did You Know...

Smart911

What is Smart911?

Smart911 allows individuals to provide the additional details that 9-1-1 call takers may need in order to assist them during an emergency. When you dial 9-1-1 today, the information received by the 9-1-1 call center can be limited based on the type of phone you are calling on. With Smart911, anytime you make an emergency call from a phone registered with your Safety Profile, the 9-1-1 system recognizes your phone number and automatically displays your profile on the screen of the call taker who receives your call. Your information is only available to 9-1-1 call takers and first responders for 45 minutes if you have an emergency. Sign up today by visiting www.smart911.com or by texting **SMART911** to **67283** to download the Smart911 app.

 **Frequently Asked Questions**

What is Smart911 and how does it work?



Smart 911 is a service that allows residents to create a free safety profile for their household that includes any information they want 9-1-1 and first responders to have in the event of an emergency. 9-1-1 call takers will only have access to your profile when a registered phone number on your account dials 9-1-1.

What can a safety profile include?

Safety profiles can include medical conditions, allergies, pet information, phone numbers associated with your household, hospital preference, emergency contact information, property layout, and more.

How can I sign up?

- Download the Smart911 app
- Visit Smart911.com
- Scan the QR Code below

 **WHY SHOULD YOU SIGN UP?**

- It allows 9-1-1 to have valuable information on... you, your family members, pets, even your home and vehicles! PLUS You control what information is being shared with 9-1-1
- It's private and secure
- It's free... and it can save seconds or minutes during an emergency

Download the App Today.

  Smart911.com

Clerks' Corner...

Join the TEAM-Become a Poll Worker in Michigan- Election Inspectors i.e. poll workers, are hired, paid, and trained local government workers who assist with running local elections in compliance with Michigan Election Law.

Eligibility requirements to serve as an election inspector in Michigan are as follows:

- You must be at least 16 years of age.
- You must be a registered voter in Michigan if 18+ years of age. Individuals aged 16 – 17 must be a Michigan resident.
- You must not have a felony or election crime conviction.
- You must not be an election challenger, a candidate, a member of a candidate's immediate family, or a member of the local board of canvassers.
- You must affiliate with a political party. Party registration is not a requirement. Michigan law requires that election inspectors disclose political affiliation to ensure balanced staffing. Affiliating as “independent” or “unaffiliated” is not a legal option for an election inspector.

If you or someone you know are interested in becoming an Election Inspector, please contact Erin Cummings at 269-317-2101 or by email at walton.clerk@gmail.com

Treasurer Office Location

Change-Please be advised beginning immediately the Treasurer's office hours will be at the Walton Township Hall. Summer Tax bill collection dates/hours will be listed on the back of the tax bill.

Beginning August 1, 2024, transfer station permits will increase from \$75.00 to \$100.00 as well as cemetery lot fees from \$200.00 to \$250.00.

WAYS to REQUEST YOUR BALLOT

Permanent Ballot List

This new process allows you to automatically receive your ballot for every election. **Do not** request to be placed on this list if you are typically away from your registered voting address on election days. Contact Erin Cummings to request a form to be completed to be added to the Permanent Ballot List.

At your Polling Location on Election Day

Waiting until Election Day to vote in person at your polling location is still an option and has not changed. Go to mvic.sos.state.mi.us and click on **Find Your Polling Place**.

If you like Election Day voting, you can now vote in person up to nine days before Election Day. All ballots, including Absentee Ballots, received nine days before Election Day will be tabulated.

WAYS TO VOTE

ABSENTEE

Absentee Ballots will be mailed to your residence with a postage-paid envelope for ease of return using the USPS.

DROPBOX

Also, you can drop your ballot into the drop box that is located at Walton Township Hall.

AT THE POLLS

And you can still vote at a polling location on Election Day. Go to mvic.sos.state.mi.us and click on **Find Your Polling Place**.

IN PERSON at EARLY VOTING SITE

Starts nine (9) days before Election Day.

