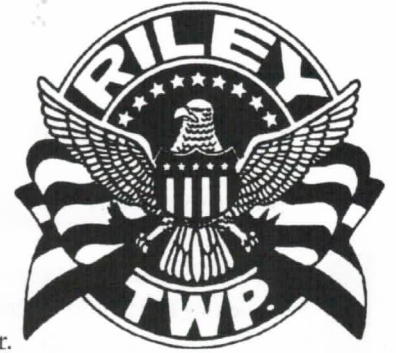


THE RILEY REPORT



Mark your Calendars !

Your Riley Township Board of Trustees meet on the second of every month. We meet at 7 pm in the Town Hall. All meetings are open to the public.

News of the Township, by Supervisor Donna Bernardi

It's been cleaned, painted, sanded, stained, and finally, new carpeting has been installed. After two years in the process, The Riley Town Hall has a slightly newer look to it. I would like to ask all that take privilege using the Town Hall, to please do so with care. If we all take time to clean the Hall as we use it, it will stay nicer longer.

Last issue, Maple Valley Materials, LLC, had put an application for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) near the intersection of Maple and Coral Roads. The County Board has approved the CUP for the operation of a commercial sand and gravel business. I would like to urge all residents of the Township to exercise extreme caution when traveling on Coral and Maple Roads. There is a high volume of traffic encompassing these roads now, and the approval of a new aggregate business on Maple Road is sure to have an effect on traffic volume.

I would like to thank Mr. Bill Eschbach

and Mr. Ted Oberg for joining The Riley Cemetery Board. These two men have recently volunteered to assist Clarice Dahlman, Wyle Anthony, Jack Burke, Dean Steffen and Karen Dornick in overseeing the maintenance of Riley Cemetery. The Township recognizes and appreciates the outstanding work that is being done.

Crows Foot Update: The McHenry County Conservation District (MCCD) now owns 898 acres along the Coon Creek. The MCCD Board of Trustees recently approved the purchase of 160 acres "just east of the limestone quarry and west of Burma Road". The MCCD Board has also approved "utilizing the services of the US Army Corp of Engineers to initiate a hydrological study of the Crow's Foot Area".

Township

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Donna Bernardi
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Barb Rooney
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Karen Schnable

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Arlene Genell,

Jim Gibbons

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Gravel Council Forming in McHenry County

The McHenry County Gravel Advisory Council has been busy forming a new charter. This Charter is made up of Local and County Officials along with Representatives from the Aggregate Producers. Their goal is to "provide a forum for townships and municipalities to discuss mine-related issues impacting their communities.". I would like to hear concerns/complaints that the residents of Riley have. Topics of concerns would have to be linked directly to the aggregate business. Examples of these might be dust, water quality, or possibly the compliance or non-compliance with existing statues. At this time, this is not to give you a response but to give ideas of any problems that we as a community face day to day. Please print or type your concerns, then mail them to: The McHenry County Gravel Advisory Council, c/o Donna Bernardi, 7918 Marjorie Drive, Marengo IL 60152.

Reading your postcard:

McHenry County
Office of Assessments
2200 N. Seminary Avenue
Woodstock, IL 60098-2698

PARCEL NO: 16-00-000-000 0040 (Classification of Land) ex: 0040 Residential/Single Family
ASSD TO: YOUR NAME 0011 Farm w/Bldg No O.O.
0070 Office w/Bldgs

ACRES	SIZE OF LOT OR ACREAGE		
	2003		
VALUE	VALUE		EQUALIZED
LAND/LOT	15,000	15,000	15,000 (assessed value of land (does not include farmland. This is only the land your house is on.)
FARM LAND	300	250	250 (assessed value of farmland (does not include land/lot)
BUILDINGS	40,000	40,000	40,000 (assessed value of house and buildings not zoned for agricultural use)
FARM BLDG	9,000	9,000	9,000 (assessed value of buildings zoned for agricultural use)
TOTAL	64,300	64,250	64,250

REASON FOR CHANGE:
TOWNSHIP EQUALIZATION 1.000(This is used to bring an equalized level of assessment Township, County, and State wide. This year Riley's level is 1.000 which is why your Equalized column remains the same as the 2003 column. If the equalization number was anything other than 1.000 the last column would change accordingly.
FARMLAND REVALUATION (There are many reasons for a changed assess- Most common are; new construction, additions, deck, central air, farmland revaluation, etc.

ADJUSTED MEDIAN LEVEL 33.33%
This number is a common percentage you multiply each value to come up with the replacement cost new (what it would cost to rebuild your home new). For example:
LAND/LOT: \$15,000 x 3.333 = \$49,995
BUILDINGS: \$40,000 x 3.333 = 133,320
TOTAL \$183,315(similar to the market value)

N.W. HERALD
COPY AVAILABLE: 2.00 (N.W. Herald will provide a copy for \$2.00)

MAIL TO: Your address

To figure an **APPROXIMATE** tax bill, take the total equalized value and multiply by your tax rate (this is found on the bottom right hand corner of your regular tax bill).

Example: Total Equalized Value \$64,000 x .071358 (tax rate) = \$4,566.91(this is an approximate figure. The tax rate sometimes changes from year to year.

Lowering the Speed Limit

A frequently asked question involves posting lower speed limits on township roads. Aside from subdivisions which have posted speed limits of 25 miles per hour or less, all of our roads officially are unposted. According to the Illinois Vehicle Code, unposted roads have a maximum speed limit of 55 miles per hour. The regulation of speed limits on township roads is not at the discretion of the Highway Commissioner. State-wide, the law requires that the commissioner receive permission from the county superintendent of highways before placing any traffic control devices and signs.

The process begins with the highway commissioner contacting the county superintendent formally in writing with a request for a speed study on a particular road. Speed limits are established by averaging traffic speeds on roads. Various factors involving traffic patterns, traffic volumes, and actual vehicle speeds during specific times and days are some of the criteria used. If you turn out of your driveway and can quickly reach the maximum speed allowed, chances are that no speed reduction will be warranted. On the other hand, if you turn out and are getting stuck in traffic because of a new subdivision that was built, a speed reduction may be in order.

Fortunately, Riley Township is lucky that our area is still comparatively quiet and that speed reductions have not been warranted. However, the question of safety still remains. Motorists who drive recklessly endanger not only themselves, but the rest of us as well. Placing a new lower speed limit sign is not the answer. We already have trouble with drivers not following the existing road signs that are already in place. As a township road district, we are not given the authority to pull over law breakers.

The only effective deterrent to speeding will be additional law enforcement in Riley Township. If you notice habitual offenders passing you at an excessive rate of speed, consider writing down their license number and contacting the McHenry County Sheriff. Perhaps you have tried this with no results? The old saying is that persistence pays. In other words, keep calling to let them know that problems exist. As the area builds up around us and motorists discover short cuts, it is important that the Sheriff's Department know that we are concerned about reckless driving in our township and that we desire an increased police presence.

Winter Notes:

Yes, unfortunately winter is just around the corner and as always we will do our best to combat whatever comes our way. Please keep in mind parking restrictions in all township subdivisions during the winter months. You will be towed and ticketed if your vehicle is left along the roads with we are working to clear them of ice and snow. In addition, please be patient with our trucks when driving near us. We will move out of your way as soon as possible, passing a moving snow plow from either direction is extremely dangerous. Just remember to SLOW DOWN so we all have a safe winter!

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For more information call:

Energy Hot Line.....1-800-252-8643

Department on Aging.....1-800-252-8966