

## **SUMMER TAX DEFERMENT INFORMATION:**

Summer Tax Deferment- If your household income is less than \$40,000 per year AND you meet one of the following, you may qualify to defer your summer taxes:

1. Be 62 years of age or older or be the unmarried surviving spouse of a person who was 62 years of age or older at the time of death
2. Be paraplegic, hemiplegic, or quadriplegic
3. Be an eligible serviceperson, eligible veteran, eligible widow or widower
4. Be a blind person
5. Be totally, and permanently disabled

If you qualify, you must complete and turn in the appropriate paperwork no later than the summer tax due date. The deferment, if granted, pushes back the due date of the summer tax bill, without interest or penalty, to the winter tax due date of February 14th. If you fail to pay by the winter due date after a deferment has been granted, interest/penalty will be charged.

If you have questions regarding this deferment and your situation, please call Treasurer Melissa Beegle at the Fruitland Township Hall 231-766-3208

## **Property Tax Information Available ONLINE!**

Property Tax information is now available to you 24 hours a day 7 days a week via the internet! Any individual can access this information by creating a user name and password.

<https://www.accessmygov.com?uid=463>

## **Important Dates & Information Relating to Property Taxes**

### **July 1st:**

Summer Tax bills are mailed. If you do not receive a summer tax bill within the first week of July, please call.

### **September 14th:**

Summer Tax payments are due. (If the 14th falls on a weekend, the due date will be the next business day)

*Note: Summer taxes must be paid at the township hall until they are turned over to the Muskegon County Treasurer for delinquent collection on March 1<sup>st</sup>. After March 1st ALL DELINQUENT TAXES MUST be paid to the Muskegon County Treasurer.*

### **December 1st:**

Winter Tax bills are mailed. If you do not receive a winter tax bill within the first week of December, please call.

**February 14th:**

Winter Tax payments are due. (If the 14th falls on a weekend, the due date will be the next business day)

*Note: Winter taxes must be paid at the township hall until they are turned over to the Muskegon County Treasurer for delinquent collection on March 1<sup>st</sup>. After March 1st ALL DELINQUENT TAXES MUST be paid to the Muskegon County Treasurer.*

**February 28th:**

Last day to pay property taxes at the township hall. (If the 28th falls on a weekend, the last day to pay at the township will be the next business day.)

**March 1st:**

ALL unpaid property taxes are turned over to the Muskegon County Treasurer for collection and all payments must be made to their office.

**What happens if I do not or cannot pay my property taxes on time?**

Please be aware that the tax bill does not have to be paid in one lump sum. If it is easier, you may make payments. You can begin making payments once you receive your bill. Please call if you have any questions.

The tax bill must be paid in full by the due date in order to avoid the interest and penalty outlined below. However, any payments made before the due date will reduce the balance due and therefore reduce the interest and/or penalty.

Summer Tax bills: As per state law, if summer taxes are not paid by the due date (September 14), interest will be charged in the amount of 1% per month (or fraction of a month) on the unpaid balance.

Winter Tax bills: As per state law, if winter taxes are not paid by the due date (February 14), interest will be charged in the amount of 1% per month (of fraction of a month) on the unpaid balance.

Penalty: As per state law, any taxes (winter or summer or both) that remain unpaid as of February 15<sup>th</sup> will have a 3% penalty added to the balance due.

**Any taxes that remain unpaid on March 1<sup>st</sup>, each year, are turned over to the Muskegon County Treasurer for collection. Additional penalties/interest are added and will continue to accrue as per State law.**