

From the Supervisor

Dave Fountain

Road Work to be completed this summer:

- Green Street - Paving
- B Drive North – Chip Seal
- 20 Mile Rd – B Dr. To Partello - Chip Seal
- 21 Mile Rd, H Dr. To J. Dr. - Chip Seal

Report road problems to rdinfo@calhouncountymi.gov.

Exciting plans are being pursued to create a canoe launch on the Kalamazoo River by working with Calhoun County Parks Committee and applying for grants.

The Pavilion outdoor toilet and picnic area are complete. Use is first-come first served. Contact the Township Hall regarding electrical hookup.

Free Wi-Fi is still available in the Township parking lot compliments of the Marshall District Library.

From your Treasurer

Carole Tabiaddon

Deputy Angela Freitel

Summer 2026 taxes are due Monday, 9/14/26; office is open 9 AM–4 PM that day. After 9/14/26, a 1% monthly interest will be added to unpaid balances.

There are two drop boxes for public use: a small green box on the west side next to office door and a large black box in front of Town Hall. To receive a receipt, include a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Tax payments accepted Fridays, 9 AM–3 PM (closed holiday weekends); make checks payable to Marengo Township.

Credit cards are accepted at bsaonline.com. Select Marengo Township and search your house number. The fee charged for this service goes to BS&A, the software company providing this service on a secure server.

If you qualify for **Summer Tax Deferrals**, forms are available at the office or online at MarengoMI.gov. The deadline to file is 9/14/26.

Township Office Hours

Office hours are Fridays 9 am–3 pm, except the following holidays: July 3, Sept. 4, and Nov. 27. Voice mail messages will be checked during the week.

Fire Department Update

Chief Art Blight

Your first responder team invites you to our **Annual Pork BBQ on Sat., July 18 from 4:30 to 7 pm**. Meet our team, enjoy dinner, connect with neighbors, and let the kids explore the trucks, spray water, and tour our training facility to learn what it takes to be a firefighter.

This year has been especially busy, and **we're proud of how our team continues to respond and serve the community.**

At the Marengo Township Fire Department, we **welcomed three newly graduated firefighters**, bringing our total to 19 members supporting the steady call volume we've seen over the past two years. With recent windstorms causing power outages, we remind residents to **use generators safely—always keep them out of garages and away from doors and windows.**

Smoke detectors are available for installation at no cost, and reflective mailbox signs can be purchased to help us find you in an emergency.

Thank you for your continued support!

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From the Assessor

Dan Slone

Homeowners: If you do not already have the **Principal Residence Exemption**, check your eligibility at Michigan.gov/taxes/property/principal. This may save you significant money in taxes if you are eligible.

The Assessor's Office is here to serve you on Fridays. Stop in, call 269-781-8422, submit an email through MarengoMI.gov or email townshipemail@yahoo.com.

If you have a property visit issue or would like to request that no one visits your property, call 269-781-8422. You may measure your own building and give us the measurements. **You should be assessed only for buildings currently on your property.**

Clerk's News

Deb Withee

Deputy Jill Stout

We're pursuing a grant to use ground-penetrating radar to help digitize our grave records. Our goal is to create **easy-to-use online cemetery maps** for the community!

The Township has placed a **one-year moratorium on new data center applications** to allow time for further research and evaluation of this industry. Feel free to submit your thoughts at MarengoMI.gov/contact.

Cleanup of blighted properties is ongoing. **Please be mindful of your neighbors and follow Township ordinances when planning property projects** (available at MarengoMI.gov). For zoning and permitting questions, visit SCMCCI.org.

Correction (Dec 2025 Newsletter): To receive Gary Tompkin's monthly newsletter, email him at tompkinscc7@gmail.com.

2026 Elections

Doreen Van Sickle, Elections Coordinator

Elections will be held **Aug. 4 and Nov. 3**. Registered voters may cast ballots those days, by absentee ballot, or at early in-person voting at the County Building. For more information, call the Township at 269-781-8422 or see MarengoMI.gov/elections.

Township Trustees

Todd Hazel

I serve as one of your Trustees and as the board representative on the Planning Commission. There has been significant activity at the state and local levels concerning data centers, solar fields, etc. We have diligently stayed in line with the Township Master Plan. Stay informed by visiting MarengoMI.gov or share your input at township meetings. Thanks for your support.

Vic Potter

In my role as Trustee and liaison to SCMCCI, our zoning and permitting contractor, our focus is on improving communication, ensuring timely responses, and supporting residents as they navigate the zoning/permitting process. While there have been some challenges, we are working toward greater consistency and responsiveness while maintaining the character and integrity of our Township.

Emergency Alerts

Sign up for Calhoun County's RAVE Alert system to receive important updates on severe weather, road work, and traffic.

To sign up, text these to **67283**.

For emergency alerts, text **CALHOUN**

For traffic alerts, text **CCTRAFFIC**.

For Road Department alerts, text **ROADS**.

Mar Lee School

Chad Holt, Superintendent

Mar Lee School is wrapping up its 63rd year of service to the community. Thanks to the support of our community, this has been a year like no other, marked by the addition of our new classrooms and safety features. One final project, the repaving of the parking lots, will take place in mid-June. The school is a point of pride for the community that will shine for the next several decades.

Our returning students and staff return on 8/26 for the 2026-27 school year. The year kicks off with an open house on the evening of 8/25 at 6:00 PM. Students, parents, and all community members are welcome to attend. We hope to see you there!

Community Notices

Calhoun County Senior Services is seeking residents age 99 and older to participate in the **2026 Centenarian Project**. If you know someone who qualifies, please contact Calhoun County Senior Services at 269-781-0846. Centenarians will be honored with a special program on Thursday, July 16 from 2-4 PM at Marshall United Methodist Church.

Eckford Ag Day of Caring Ice Cream Social will be held Sunday, July 19 from 1-3 PM. The games, raffles, entertainment, food sales and photo booth help raise funds for the Homer and Marshall FFA. The event is held at the Eckford Community Center, 99 Maples St., Homer, MI.

Cemetery Preservation

Interested in local history? We need dedicated volunteers to help with meaningful projects.