



# Whitewater Township Monthly E-Letter

## Residential Identification Signs

### Can You Be Found in an Emergency?

Unfortunately, emergencies can and do happen. When time is precious, would emergency personnel be able to find your house in a timely manner? Being able to find house numbers is crucial when seconds count. If your house number is not visible from the road, please consider purchasing a reflective address sign that can be mounted at the road. The signs are available from the Williamsburg Emergency Services Auxiliary for \$25.00. The Williamsburg Fire Department approved signs are 6" x 18" Reflective Blue background with white numbering. All proceeds will be used for support of our Emergency Services personnel and their equipment and training needs. Please contact the Williamsburg Emergency Services Auxiliary for at (231) 264-5535, email [wwtfireaux@gmail.com](mailto:wwtfireaux@gmail.com) or P.O. Box 106, Williamsburg, MI 49690.



And because it's the law... Did you know that the Township has adopted a Property Identification Ordinance, Ordinance # 44 on March 22, 2009 that states all properties shall have identification numbers visible from the roadway, and that a violation of this ordinance is subject to a civil fine not to exceed \$100.00.

### What are your thoughts about Residential Knox Boxes?

When a medical emergency strikes, help is only a call away. However, for those who live alone or may have mobility issues, what happens when they can't get to the door to let in the fire department personnel? Or maybe you are a seasonal resident and your alarm system goes off while your away. Unfortunately, the emergency personnel have to make entry by breaking a window or breaching the door, which is costly to the owner they are trying to help. To help alleviate unnecessary damage, the Williamsburg Emergency Services Auxiliary along with the Williamsburg Fire department, would like to promote the use of the Residential Knox Boxes. This box would be attached to your house and contain a key to the residence. This is very secure system that businesses are already required by law to have. Only the fire department has access to the key box, so your home is secure. If you are a senior citizen, live alone, have mobility issues or you are a seasonal resident and think the Knox box would be a great safety addition to your home, please contact the Williamsburg Emergency Services Auxiliary. Let us know what you think, if the interest is great we will be working with our Fire Department to bring this product to you. Please phone ( 231) 264-5535, email [wwtfireaux@gmail.com](mailto:wwtfireaux@gmail.com) or mail questions to P.O. Box 106, Williamsburg, MI 49690.

### What is Proposal 10-1?

Proposal 1 is on the November 2, 2010 ballot ! What is Prop 1? The voters of Michigan will decide whether to call a constitutional convention to revise the 1963 Michigan Constitution. The question appears on the ballot automatically every 16 years as required by the Constitution. The Constitution provides that a convention would convene in Lansing on October 4, 2011. If the question is rejected, it will automatically appear on the ballot again in the year 2026. Calling a convention requires approval of a majority of those voting at the election and not just a majority of those voting on the question. In effect, failure to vote on the ballot question is counted as a vote against the calling of a convention. You can find additional information regarding the proposal at The Citizens Research Council of Michigan: <http://cremich.org>.

### Proposal 2010-02 ?

A proposal to amend the state constitution to prohibit certain felons from holding elective office and specified types of public employment positions will be on the ballot November 2, 2010.

The proposed constitutional amendment would make a person ineligible for election or appointment to any state or local elective office or to hold a position in public employment in this state that is policy-making or has discretionary authority over public assets, if: within the preceding 20 years, the person was convicted of a felony involving dishonesty, deceit, fraud, or a breach of the public trust; and the conviction was related to the person's official capacity while holding any elective office or position of employment in local, state or federal government.