

MIKADO TOWNSHIP NEWS

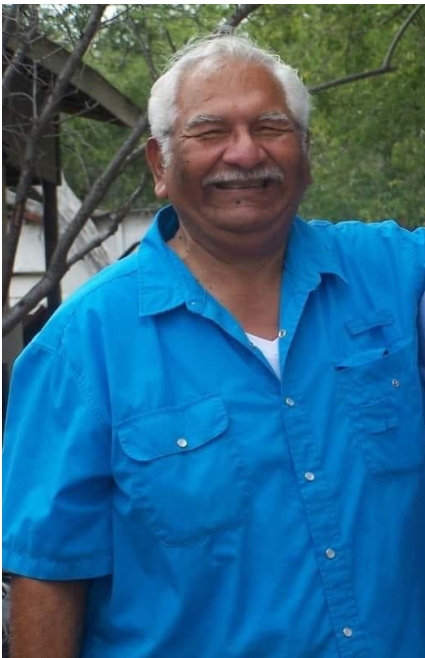
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TRIBUTE TO A FORMER SUPERVISOR

Mikado lost a true friend and dedicated public servant in June of this year with the passing of Jesus Yruegas, known to most as “Yogi”. Born in eagle pass Texas in 1948, he joined the Air Force in 1967 and served for 20 years. The last four of his military career were spent at Wurtsmith Air Force Base in Oscoda where he met a local Mikado resident, Rita Sands, who would become his future “bride”. Yogi made the move to Mikado in 1988,

Yogi’s public service career began as Deputy Clerk for Mikado Township under Rita, who was elected as Clerk. He served in that position until 2005 when he was appointed as Supervisor following the resignation of the former Supervisor. He served in that position until 2020 when declining health prompted him to retire.

A beautiful new bench has been donated to the Civic Center grounds, a place where Yogi loved and dutifully guided Mikado Township for all those years. As you walk by Yogi’s bench, say a “thank you” to him for his service as a veteran and a dedicated public servant. Rest in peace Yogi.



Note from the Treasurer:

All property owners will receive a winter tax bill. For those whose taxes go through escrow, a copy will also be sent to the appropriate entity for payment.

Mail payments to or drop off at the drop box located at:

Ruth Travis
Mikado Township Treasurer
1454 E F-30
Mikado, MI 48745

Office hours on February 14th, when winter taxes are due, will be from 9am to 5pm

**Mikado Library
Branch Hours**

Mon-Thurs 2pm-6pm

**Located in the
Civic Center**

Supervisor Notes:

What a busy summer it has been. But a lot has been accomplished thanks to all who have worked many hours to help. As reported in the summer newsletter, the Civic Center has been repainted, the new roof is on and the new flooring has been installed. And it looks great! It is a beautiful venue for receptions, banquets or parties.

Another change that happened in September has to do with the pavilion located behind the Civic Center. It too had a roof that needed replacing and the township board decided now was the time. Additionally, at this time the Mikado Area Development, who held a lease on this property from the township, indicated they were no longer able to continue. Discussion was held, motions were passed and the township is now the "caretaker" of the pavilion. Rentals will now go through the township. If interested, call the Supervisor at (989) 736-8636 or the township office.

Looking ahead, plans are being made for an Open House/Celebrate Mikado event at the Civic Center in March. More information will be released as plans are finalized.

Have a safe and warm winter and Happy Holidays!

Mary Harmon, Supervisor

All Mikado Township Board of Review meetings will be held at

MIKADO CIVIC CENTER
2291 S. F-41 MIKADO, MI. 48745

The December Board of Review will be held on Wednesday Dec. 13th beginning at 5:30 p.m.

If no appointments have been received by 5:00 p.m. Friday December 8th the meeting will be cancelled.

The purpose of this meeting is for correcting clerical errors, mutual mistakes of fact and qualified errors. The Board of Review also has the authority to grant disabled veterans' exemptions and poverty exemptions. Completed applications, affidavits and supporting documentation for these exemptions must be filed with the assessor by Dec. 8th. For appointments, questions, or assistance in obtaining the required forms please contact the Assessor (989) 736-7689.

The March Board of Review meetings will be as follows:

An organizational meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5th to examine the Assessment Roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting.

Public Protests will be heard on

Tuesday, March 12th 1:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 13th 1:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Protests may be filed in writing and must be received at the physical or electronic address by March 12th:
2836 E McNeil Rd. Lincoln, MI 48742
mikadotwpassessor@gmail.com

Hello and Happy Holidays from the Mikado Goodfellows

Christmas is just around the corner.....and our annual Children's Christmas Party is December 10th at the Mikado Civic Center, from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Come see Santa and Mrs. Clause, receive a gift and a bag of candy while enjoying punch and cookies.

The Mikado Goodfellows have bingo at the Mikado Civic Center every Monday night, doors open at 4:00pm and bingo starts at 6:30pm. Bingo helps us support all of the community projects that we do....Children's Christmas party, funeral dinners and memorials, decorating outside the Civic Center for the holidays, and helping the township with improving our "little town". The Civic Center had a face lift this summer, come and see all of the improvements!

MASTER PLAN PUBLIC COMMENT NOTICE

The Mikado Township Planning Commission will be presenting the proposed updates to the Master Plan for public comment during the December 7th meeting at the Civic Center at 6:00pm. All residents are encouraged to participate. This will be the final opportunity to bring questions or concerns to the committee before the plan is presented to the township board for final approval.

The Master Plan with updates can be viewed on the township website (mikadotownship.org) under documents.

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: Message from the Clerk:
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: Well, are you ready for Winter yet? If you travel in the winter, be safe on the roads and we will see you
: in the spring. If you tough it out like me, please be careful when you are out shoveling the snow. We
: don't want any pulled muscles or broken bones.
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: The 2024 Election Cycle will soon be here. Mikado Township needs workers, both Republican and
: Democrat. Please contact me if you are interested in working these elections because an application will
: need to be filled out. You would not be eligible for the elections through May because of no training but
: you could possibly work the August Primary and the November General elections.
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: Please remember that in the spring we always have a clean-up in the cemetery. All weathered or worn
: artificial flowers and all winter blankets are removed from the graves during this clean-up. If there is
: any item that you wish to keep, please have the item removed by May 1st. We greatly appreciate you
: taking all items to be discarded with you instead of leaving them on the Cemetery property.
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: Have a wonderful holiday,
: Rita D. Sands, Mikado Township Clerk,
: P.O. Box 60, Mikado, MI 48745.
: (989) 736-7721
: mikadotwpclerk613@gmail.com
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FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire department has responded to 112 incidents as of October 29 with 101 of the incidents being medical in nature. The department currently has 20 members. Our training officer has been working with our new members to get them trained. We have 2 members that will be attending a firefighter I & II academy starting in November and running through April of 2024 to get their firefighter certification. We will have some members starting EMT training in February of 2024. **In October the department was awarded a \$20,000.00 grant to purchase firefighting clothing and equipment.**

Please have your chimneys cleaned and maintained, especially if you heat with wood. Chimney fires can be very dangerous and devastating. If you have not replaced your smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector batteries, please do so. It could save your life. Also, as we enter the winter season, please be careful on the roads and icy parking lots and sidewalks.

We can always use more volunteers, if you are interested in becoming a firefighter you can stop by the fire station on the first or third Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm or I can be contacted at 989 335-8292.

I want to wish everyone a Happy and safe holiday season.

Wayne Odell
Fire Chief

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Zoning Administrator/Ordinance Enforcement:			989.736.7721

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MIKADO, MI 48745

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