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# NEWSLETTER April 2025 *Spring*

## A MESSAGE FROM KURT JOHNSON, YATES TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

### OUR MISSION

The elected officials and employees of the Township of Yates pledge to serve the citizens, both full time and seasonal, with transparency, efficiency, and in compliance with all laws related to Township government.

### BOARD MEMBERS

#### Kurt Johnson, Supervisor

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#### Jacqueline Patterson,

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#### Erica Tate, Trustee

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### MEETING DAYS

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED ON TOWNSHIP WEBSITE CALENDAR)

#### Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Every second Tuesday @ 5:30 p.m.

#### Planning Commission

Every second Thursday @ 5:30 p.m.

#### Township Board

Every third Thursday @ 5:00 p.m.

#### Zoning Board of Appeals

See Township website calendar.

#### Board of Review

See Township website calendar.

#### Yates Township Transportation Authority (YTTA)

See Township website calendar.

"In these times of uncertainty, there's one thing that's for certain - the changing of seasons. Spring has arrived, giving us a change of scenery with anticipation of events that will engage, enlighten, and entertain our Yates community in the upcoming months." ~Kurt

### The Annual Meeting of the Electors

In accordance with Michigan Statutes (MCL - Section 41.8), the Yates Township Annual Meeting of the Electors was held on Saturday, March 29, 2025 @ 12:00 p.m.

### Budget

Both the 2024-2025 Amended Budget & 2025-2026 Appropriations Budget were approved by the Township Board on March 26, 2025 at a special meeting and public hearing.

### Marihuana Regulatory Ordinance & Marihuana Zoning Ordinance

Both the Marihuana Regulatory Ordinance & Marihuana Zoning Ordinance were approved by the Township Board on March 18, 2025 at the Board meeting. Both documents are posted on the Yates Township website <https://yatestownship.com>.

### Short-Term Rental Regulatory Ordinance

The Township Board will continue reviewing the Short-Term Rental Regulatory Ordinance and plans to hold an April public hearing.

### Planning Commission Appointments

The Township Board welcomes newly-appointed Planning Commission members: Amy Ellis and Linda McClure.

### Board of Review Appointments

The Township Board welcomes the following newly-appointed Board of Review members: Colleen Carrington-Atkins, Blair Evans, Eric Patterson, and Anthony Watts.

### Lake County Michigan State University Extension - "Cooking Matters"

Rachel Gillespie of MSU Extension engaged participants at the Henrietta Summers Senior Center in the "Cooking Matters" class. The classes took place January 15th - February 19th each Wednesday with the goal of teaching participants how to shop smarter, use nutrition information to make smarter choices, and cook delicious and affordable meals.

### Art Exhibits on Flamingo Club Exterior

Enjoy the creative and colorful art exhibits on Williams Island.  
February - May 1st: Sponsored by Black Eden Art Alliance  
May 9th - September: Sponsored by IdleWild About Art

### Skate Yates

Trustee Erica Tate organized a "Skate Yates" event for the community at the Township Hall on Saturday, March 29, 2025. There was a 3:00 p.m. session for those who wished to learn how to skate. There was an "all skate" session at 4:00 p.m.

### Tuesday Technology Tutors

February 18, 2025, Tuesday Tech Tutors participants showcased their Google Slides project, titled "Honoring Notable African Americans of Historical Idlewild, Michigan." The Idlewild Community Collaborative (ICC) event took place at the Henrietta Summers Senior Center. The honorees were Pastor/Boxer Johnny Durant Johnson, Dr. Lorenzo Nelson, Dr. America Nelson, Mr. Donel Brown, Mr. William McClure, Mr. Charles Roxborough, Mr. John Meeks, Attorney Percy J. Langster, and Mr. Charles Chesnutt. The participants in this presentation were Kay Brown, Lue D. Bryant, Deacon Arnela Roxborough-Clark, Deborah Duberville, Julie Simmons, Terri Burrell-Taylor, Reverend Cherlyn McKanders, Reverend Andria Mitchell (program facilitator), and Joyce Johnson (lesson plan creator).