



Summer 2010

East Bay Charter Township

Traverse Area District Library East Bay Branch

1989 N. Three Mile Road

Phone: (231)922-2085

HOURS: Tues. & Thurs.: 10 am to 8
pm

Wed. & Fri.: 10 am to 6 pm

Saturday: 10 am to 3 pm

CLOSED SUNDAY and MONDAY

CUB-SCOUT CLEAN-UP

Special thanks goes out to Courtade School Pack 115, Webelos 1 who took time out to clean up a 1/2 mile along the power lines off of Prouty Road. They did an excellent job!

Thank you Cub-Scouts!

1965 N. Three Mile Rd.
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CLEAN-UP DAY REMINDER!

Residents, you still have time to take advantage of free Clean-Up Day! You can pick up your flyer at the township office. Free Clean-Up day runs until September 29th. Your flyer allows you to use it one time only. For further question, call the township office at (231) 947-8647.

NEW ZIP CODE INFORMATION

Please be aware that the post office has created new zip codes for some Traverse City residences and businesses starting July 1, 2010.

Here's a breakdown of the changes that are being made:

- The 49684 zip code will remain in effect for the area north of Cedar Run Road in Traverse City up to Suttons Bay. This means no one in downtown TC will be affected.
- The 49685 zip code, which is for the P.O. boxes at the main post office on Union Street, will now also be for homes and businesses south of Cedar Run Road.
- The Barlow branch zip code of 49696 will expand to areas south of Hammond Road.
- 49686 will remain in effect for areas north of Hammond Road.

The GT County Equalization Department has created and posted a new GIS map online that allows you to find out if you're impacted and, if so, what your new zip code will be. Please visit <http://www.co.grand-traverse.mi.us/> or visit the township office to see a map of the zip code change for East Bay Township. If you have additional questions, please call your local postmaster.



CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY'S

July 5th - Independence Day

August 3rd - Election

September 6th - Labor Day

November 2nd - Election

November 11th - Veteran's Day

November 25th & 26th - Thanksgiving

PAVILION RENTAL

The pavilions at Grace Macdonald and Killingsworth Park are available for rental through the township office. The fee rental for Grace Macdonald Park is \$50 and for Killingsworth Park the fee is \$20. If you would like to rent a pavilion, please call the township office at (231) 947-8647.



SUPERVISOR NEWS

Greetings!

Our winter was short and our summer has started early, this really is God's country. This summer we have a little construction going on in the township. Auto Owners is building a large addition onto their office complex on Hammond Road which is scheduled to be completed next summer. Centre Ice is also doing an 11,438 addition to include team locker rooms which is planned to be completed this year. We also just recently approved two tax abatements for business in our Industrial Park that will create 37 new jobs and retain 47 jobs in the next two years. I hope that this is the start of things to come to our area.

Please have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Glen Lile, Supervisor

TREASURER NEWS

It's that time again! We would like to remind you that all taxes are due by September 14th. We accept payments, starting July 1st, and you may pay in person, by mail or by phone or credit card. This year we are offering a new way to pay your taxes. The Automatic Bill Payment Program allows you to have your taxes automatically paid from any participating bank, savings and loan or credit union account. All you have to do is make sure there is enough money in your account to cover the bill and remember to record the payment in your records. This is a great way to ensure that your taxes are paid on time. If you would like to sign up for this program, you can visit the Treasurer's page on our website or visit the office and fill out the Automatic Bill Payment form. In an effort to make credit card payments more user friendly we have changed our credit card processing company. In addition, we are able to offer credit card payments in the office for taxes and special assessments. The link is available on our website. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your taxes, please do not hesitate to call!

We also would like to remind any snowbirds to come in and change your address before leaving for the winter. This is extremely important as the post office is no longer forwarding bulk permit mail. Please come in as soon as possible so that you will receive your winter tax bill while you're away. Failure to receive your tax bill does not waive interest or penalty.

Have a wonderful summer!

Tracey Bartlett, Treasurer & Becky Hoard, Deputy Treasurer

CLERK NEWS

Greeting from the Clerk's Office! The August 3, 2010 Primary Election is just around the corner! There is still time to request an Absentee Voter Application for this Election. You may call, email, write or stop in to request one. You can also visit us on our website at: www.eastbaytwp.org. Click on the Departments and Services tab and scroll down to Elections and print off the application. While here, you can also view a sample ballot and/or print out an application to register to vote in future elections.

You may also wish to be placed on our Permanent Absentee Voter Ballot (AV) application listing. Signing up to be on this list will allow you to receive an absentee ballot application prior to each Election.

Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions! Enjoy your summer!

Susanne M. Courtade, Clerk and Jane Hock, Deputy Clerk



What is a Home Occupation and Who Should Apply for One?

A home occupation is an incidental and secondary use of a dwelling and/or an accessory building on a residential lot for business purposes. The intent of the Home Occupation Ordinance is to insure compatibility of such business uses with other permitted uses, the residential character of the Township, and to insure that home occupations are clearly secondary and incidental uses of residential buildings.

Any person that is running a business from their home or accessory structure must obtain a Home Occupation Permit prior to the opening of the business.

A home occupation is allowed in the following Zoning Districts; LDR, MDR, HDR, MHC, RR, LA, AG, BR, and NA. You may contact the township offices or go to www.eastbaytwp.org and look under Planning & Zoning to determine which district you are located.

When operating a home occupation there are nine conditions that must be complied with. For a list of the conditions please go to www.eastbaytwp.org and look under Planning & Zoning, or contact Leslie Couturier at (231)947-8681. The Home Occupation Permit is a one time application, with a one time fee of \$50. The permit stays in effect until the business is no longer in operation.

The township is currently in the process of determining who is operating a business from their home. Residents that have a home business will be notified and will be required to apply for a permit. If you are currently running a home business without a permit, please stop by the township to begin the process to obtain a Home Occupation Permit.



**GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY BRUSH
DROP-OFF**
2571 North Keystone Rd.
Open April 1st through mid-November
Hours: Tuesday: 12pm-7pm
Thursday & Saturday: 9am-3pm
Call 941-5555 for more information!

A Message from the Grand Traverse Road Commission about Your County Roads

- Road Funding has decreased 7.56% over the past five years.
- Costs for some of the Materials and Equipment we use have increased 80-200% over the same time period.
- 80% of Local Roads are in Poor Condition, 62% of Primary Roads are in Poor Condition.
- Michigan motorists pay an average of \$370 annually in vehicle repairs due to poor road conditions.
- If you currently believe that the roads are in need of repair, there are a number of options available including the following:
- Vote on the road millage proposal in November 2010
- Call your legislator and request a gas tax increase
- Establish a Special Assessment District. Call the Grand Traverse County Road Commission for more information: 231-922-4848

EAST BAY FIRE, RESCUE AND AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The pancake breakfast held on May 2nd was a great success thanks to all of those who again so generously supported the Fire, Rescue and Ambulance Association. With many volunteers and great sponsors, we served 1,178 people this year. Thank you for helping us to purchase the Water & Ice Rescue



Vivian Olson, Breakfast Chair Person

Inexpensive Fun

For the township family or visitor that has to cut back on entertainment costs, you might consider a short trip to Killingsworth Park, a township owned park and designated wildlife preserve. From the parking lot located at the corner of Highview and Chandler Lake Roads (about 1/2 mile South of Peegeo's), you have access to a small playground, a picnic pavilion and 66+ acres of woodlands and wetlands which are crisscrossed with over 1 1/2 miles of trails. The wildlife preserve provides year round recreational activities which include hiking, biking, geocaching, horseback riding, skiing, all other types of nature watching and quiet times.

The spring is the best time to see wildflowers and migrating birds and to listen to the "Frog Opera". The summer is the best time for picnics, biking and horseback riding. The fall brings out Mother Nature's color display as the leaves change. And, finally there is nothing more peaceful than stopping on your snowshoes and sitting on one of the conveniently located benches and hearing nothing at all.

The Township Parks Commission is applying for a DNRE Trust Fund Grant to purchase a piece of property which will more than double the size of this park. If they are successful, there would be even more trails and the possibility of bow hunting on the newly acquired property.

Grace Macdonald Park News

Dakota Porter, age 14 with Troop 115, has been working on his Boy Scout Eagle Project. His project was redoing the baseball field at Grace Macdonald Park. This has been a huge project with approximately 400 service hours logged. He has raised over \$10,000.00 in products, services, donations, and advertising signs to complete this baseball field.

Dakota worked on several things at the baseball field, including removing 30 yards of diamond dust from the infield, filled the area with topsoil, surveyed bases and the outfield fence, installed an irrigation system in the infield, applied new diamond dust, and put up a new outfield fence.

Special thanks goes to all those local businesses that helped Dakota with this project and donated time, services and equipment. Special thanks also goes to the many people that volunteered their time in order to help complete this project.

Dakota is continuing to work on the baseball field and plans on adding more diamond dust and a storage shed. More information can be found on the township website.

In appreciation, the Parks Commission has named the ball diamond "The D. Porter Community Field."



A Note From Your Community Police Officers

Summer is upon us and with the increased traffic we asked that motorists pay attention while driving and obey all traffic laws as not to cause or be involved in an accident. Because of the warm weather, more people will be out and about and not all of these people are honest. Remember to lock your vehicle whether it is in your driveway or at a local business and keep all valuables out of sight to prevent theft.

We would also like to inform you that East Bay Township now allows ORV's to operate on certain roadways within the township. If you are planning on operating an ORV on the roadway, make sure you understand the rules and regulations. Please be respectful of personal property. The ordinance can be found on the township website. For information about Boater Safety or ORV safety classes, check www.DNR.state.mi.us or call (231) 995-5040.

Also, please remember that there is a junk ordinance in affect in the township. For detailed information, please see the township website.

We ask that each and every citizen keep a watchful eye on each other and our neighbors. Together with the citizens of East Bay Township, we can continue to have a safe place to live and play.

Deputy Davidson & Deputy Shea