

# EAST BAY CHARTER TOWNSHIP

Summer 2011

1965 N. Three Mile Road, Traverse City, MI 49696  
Ph: (231)947-8647 Fax: (231)922-2094  
www.eastbaytwp.org

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday  
7:00am to 5:30 pm  
Closed on Friday

## Greetings from the Clerk's Office

The 2010 U.S. Census results are now available by State, County and Township numbers. East Bay population numbers are up to 10,663 residents from the 2000 U.S. Census of 9919 residents. The Precinct breakdowns will not be available until after the State Wide Redistricting and configurations are completed.

The next regular Election will be held Tuesday, November 8, 2011. This is a TCAPS School Election. If anyone will be out of the area and wants to vote, please consider signing up for an Absentee Ballot request. Many residents have opted to be notified of all future Elections. This may be helpful for college

students as well. Please watch the Township Website for information on any upcoming Election information.

Sue continues to be a local voice on the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks Board of Directors, and has recently earned the accreditation of Certified Municipal Clerk. The "CMC" is awarded thru ongoing education in best practices and core competency.

Please enjoy the beautiful area that we call home!

Sue Courtade CMC,  
Township Clerk,  
Jane Hock, Deputy Clerk

If you are unable to attend a meeting at the township, check us out on TV or on the web. The regular Township Board and Planning Commission meetings are taped and available on channel 99 & 994 and on the web.

## 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

## Treasurer's

There has been a change of staff in the Treasurer's office, Jo Moloci has come on board as Deputy Treasurer so be sure to come in and get to know her.

We would like to remind you that all taxes are due by September 14th. We accept payments, starting July 5<sup>th</sup>. We continue to offer several ways to make your tax payments: in person, by mail, by internet or phone using a debit/credit card and Automatic Bill Payment Program. Please see our website [www.eastbaytwp.org](http://www.eastbaytwp.org) or

contact us for more information on any of the payment methods.

We also would like to remind any snowbirds to come in and change your address before you leave for the winter and when you come back in the spring. Failure to receive your tax bill does not waive interest or penalty.

Have a great summer!

Tracey Bartlett, Treasurer &  
Jo Moloci, Deputy Treasurer

## 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 28th. Your flyer allows you to use the Compactor Station one time. For further Information call the township office at (231) 947-8647

## CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS

July 4  
Independence  
Day

September 5  
Labor Day

November 8  
Election

November 10  
Veterans Day

November  
23 & 24  
Thanksgiving

## East Bay Ambulance News

I would like to thank the residents of the township (and the ones who don't live in East Bay, as well!) for coming out to join us at our annual pancake breakfast held the first weekend in May. I would also like to acknowledge all the non-emergency personnel "pancake helpers". Without you, there is no way we could put on such an event! Kudos as well to Bob and Viv Olson, who have taken on the challenge of organizing the whole day, every year! We had a beautiful day and enjoyed seeing all our friends and supporters. Some of the money that we raised has already purchased a "Pedi-mate" device for each one of our ambulances. The device will enable us to transport our infant and toddler patients even more safely to the hospital. Thank you all very much!

We continue with our monthly in service training for our staff. This keeps everyone updated with the latest things going on in

the EMS world.

We work very closely with our township Sheriff Community Police Officers. Currently, we have Deputy Shea and Deputy Jerome on board helping us out of station 9. Don't be surprised if they show up with us to give us a hand! Sometimes the extra pair of hands makes all the difference in the world!

We continue to partner in the "File for Life" program in our county. This is a program that allows you to list your medical history, medications, and/or emergency contacts on a "File for Life Form". We have the forms and the red pockets in our ambulances and at station 9. If you are interested, please contact us at station 9 – 947-0299.

Please watch out for pedestrians, cyclists, and kids everywhere! School will soon be

out and the weather is improving! We have had several car vs. pedestrian and bike type calls already. Be careful!

With all the crazy weather, don't forget that we have staff (fire and ambulance) at the station during the day time hours. We are available at station 9 to help you charge your electronics, provide water etc. or share a laugh to help you get through whatever may be going on! We have 911 response, office, and maintenance staff at Station 9 Monday-Friday, 8-5. In case of a major incident, the station will be staffed 24 hours as needed.

Please feel free to stop by and say hi, get your blood pressure checked, or bring the kids in for a visit!

Mikie Parker,  
Medical Director-East Bay 9A's

## Grand Traverse County Senior Center Network

This program is a result of the merger between the Traverse City Senior Center and the Grand Traverse County Commission on Aging upon the passage of the senior millage in November 2010. Programs from the Traverse City Senior Center are being expanded throughout the County with satellite locations currently offered in Kingsley at The Rock and in Interlochen at the Golden Fellowship Hall. Additional programs will be added in the coming months. As a result of this merger membership to the Senior Center program is FREE to all Grand Traverse County residents 60 and older. For those under 60, dues are just \$10.00/year. Now is a great time to stop by the Center and find out more about the wonderful opportunities membership can give you. Learn more at the

website: [www.tcseniorcenter.com](http://www.tcseniorcenter.com), call them at 922-4911 or stop by 801 E. Front St. Traverse City.

A county-wide LUAU to celebrate the new Grand Traverse County Senior Center Network will be held on Wed. July 27<sup>th</sup> on the beach of the Senior Center. The event will feature a live country band direct out of Nashville, Tennessee, food, refreshments and presentations by local officials. Reservations are required for this FREE event for Grand Traverse County senior citizens. Call the Senior Center for more information.

### MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS

Township Board: 2nd Monday @ 6:30 pm

Parks Commission: 1st Monday @ 6:30 pm

Planning Commission: 1st Tuesday @ 6:30 pm

Board of Appeals: 2nd Tuesday @ 6:30 pm

\* All meetings are subject to change. Please check our website.

## Septic Education

Recently several residents participated in some focus groups on septic tank pumping...thanks for your input. For those of you with tanks, The Watershed Center will be sending out postcards throughout the summer telling you about the need to pump, frequency, reasons why, etc. This information will also be on our web site. If you would like further information on pumping your tanks or on taking care of your system, please call the Watershed Center or go to their web site, [www.gtbay.org](http://www.gtbay.org). Periodically cleaning your tank protects our water quality and our quality of life, so if you haven't pumped for awhile, you may want to do it before the snow flies.



Summer 2011

### 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.

## Grand Traverse Metro Authority

Hello from your fire department. This year continues to be busy one as we have seen our medical calls increased over last year by over 10% and we are on target to respond to over 3,000 calls for duty. We now have seven firefighters on duty at all times over our five fire stations. Last Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> of May, we opened our fifth new Fire Station #12. It sits in the Garfield Township's Silver Lake Park. This was the station that we received the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grant to build. It is a beautiful and functional station and we welcome you all to the open house which will be held on July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00.

This year will be the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of September 11. Our fire department will be holding a memorial service on Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> of September. We welcome any citizen to attend. More to come on the place and time. Many of you have stopped by our fire station off of Three Mile road to see the World Trade Center artifact. It is a piece of a floor structure from the North Tower and weighs 3,100 pounds. It is now on a trailer and is being moved between fire stations and township offices. Look for it

at the Cherry Festival where it will be on display and in the parades. A permanent monument is planned for artifact later this fall. It is hopeful that we can put it in front of the fire administration officer at Three Mile and Parsons.

With summer comes the camp fire season. In East Bay Township you may have a campfire, but you are not allowed to burn unwanted materials, such as paper, trees, brush, leaves, grass, construction waste, and other debris. Please burn in a campfire ring and never leave your campfire unattended. When it is extremely dry and windy, use common sense and don't light a campfire. Remember, you are responsible for any fire you start that gets out of control.

Our stations are open for blood pressure checks Monday thru Friday 8-5. In East Bay Township we have a station at 110 High Lake Road near Courtade's Trading Post and off of Three Mile at 843 Industrial Circle. Have fun, be safe and enjoy the summer!

Chief Parker

## Assessing News

The Grand Traverse County GIS department is updating the "parcel layer" for the on-line township maps. As they create each map section, they may run into parcels that don't "fit". It's like a giant jigsaw puzzle in which all of the parcels of land should fit together nicely without overlaps and/or gaps. As they find parcels that don't fit, Susan Karakos, in our assessing office, may need to contact the property owners for assistance. Old surveys are especially helpful in clearing up any legal descriptions.

### 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!

## Township Directory

	Name	Phone Extension	Email
Supervisor:	Glen Lile	ext. 105	glile@eastbaytwp.org
Clerk:	Sue Courtade	ext. 104	scourtade@eastbaytwp.org Dept. Cell (231) 735-2098
Deputy Clerk:	Jane Hock	ext. 103	jhock@eastbaytwp.org
Treasurer:	Tracey Bartlett	ext. 101	tbartlett@eastbaytwp.org Cell (231) 735-1326
Deputy Treasurer:	Jo Moloci	ext. 102	jmoloci@eastbaytwp.org
Trustee:	Bryan Marrow	947-8647	bmarrow@eastbaytwp.org
Trustee:	Butch Strait	590-4352	butchs@charter.net
Trustee:	Craig Goodrich	947-8647	cgoodrich@eastbaytwp.org
Trustee:	Matt Courtade	947-8647	mcourtade@eastbaytwp.org
Assessing:	Laurie Spencer	922-4774	lspencer@co.grand-traverse.mi.us
Assessing:	Susan Karakos	922-4759	skarakos@co.grand-traverse.mi.us
Assessing:	Russ Cassleman	922-4759	rcasslem@co.grand-traverse.mi.us
Bldg/grounds:	Jerry Zeits	590-5645	jzeits@eastbaytwp.org
Compactor:	Bob Burns	941-1388	
Planning/Zoning:	Leslie Couturier	ext. 107	lcouturier@eastbaytwp.org
Planning/Zoning:	Bob Perry	947-0792	
Receptionist:	Val Hedges	ext. 100	vhedges@eastbaytwp.org

## Planning & Zoning

**Land Use Permits** from the township are required for all types of construction activity, such as new homes, additions, garages, all decks, and sheds, including plastic and canvas sheds & carports, which are over 100 square feet. It is a good idea to check with the Zoning Office prior to construction to see what permits are needed. Land Use Permits, that are complete and filed, are usually issued within five working days, during regular business hours. Appointments for application review are available.

**A Fee of \$300** is being imposed on projects, wherein, the owner or agent failed to contact the Zoning Inspector for a proper footing inspection. A zoning inspection is required for **all** permits both for non-footing construction and when an open trench for a footing is established (before concrete is poured). This inspection is for verification that the footing/placement is properly setback on the parcel to minimum zoning setback requirements. A call to the Zoning Inspector is required at least 24 hours prior to pouring footings or establishment of non-footing projects.

**An Additional Fee of \$500** will be imposed on owners or agents, wherein, a Land Use Permit has not been obtained. There is a growing trend towards projects being started without obtaining the necessary permits before the project is undertaken. The township incurs unnecessary additional expense to obtain compliance from these individuals.

**Real Estate Sign Violations:** The Township receives many complaints regarding the proliferation of real estate signs. Most complaints are concerning the placement of the signs that are too close to the road, signs located off premises, or an increase in the size that is permitted. The East Bay Township Zoning Ordinance allows real estate signs as follows: **215.3.a; one non-illuminated two-sided sign advertising the sale or lease of the lot or building not exceeding six (6) square feet in area on any one lot.** These signs are also required to be set back so that they are outside of the road right of way. This usually means 33 feet from the centerline of the public road.

**Off Premise Signs,** such as directional and real estate signs are also prohibited. If signs are found to be in violation, the Township Zoning Inspector will remove the signs and store them at the expense of the sign owner.