

# East Bay Township

Summer 2013

## Greetings from the Supervisor

Greetings, Summer has arrived! Now for an update on things that are happening in our Township. On a positive note, Holiday Road is now under reconstruction. The process will take about two months and I would ask those that are using the road to please slow down as you travel through the construction zone. On behalf of the residents, I would like to thank the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians for their generous support in securing federal funding for this road project.

Due to a high volume of residents concerns, the Township

Board has passed a Fireworks Ordinance that prohibits the ignition, discharge, and use of Consumer Fireworks in East Bay Charter Township at all times, except for the State regulated dates of the day proceeding, the day of, or the day after a National Holiday. National Holidays include: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, President's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer!

Glen Lile, Supervisor  
[gllile@eastbaytp.org](mailto:gllile@eastbaytp.org)

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### ELECTED OFFICIALS

- Glen Lile.....Supervisor
- Sue Courtade.....Clerk
- Tracey Bartlett...Treasurer

### TRUSTEES

- Matt Courtade
- Beth Friend
- Craig Goodrich
- Bryan Marrow

### STAFF

- Val Hedges..Receptionist
- Helen MacArthur.....  
Deputy Clerk
- Jo Moloci.....  
Deputy Treasurer
- Leslie Couturier.....Zoning
- Bob Burns.....  
Building & Grounds
- Bob Perry.....Inspector
- Susan Karakos.....Assessor
- Russ Cassleman....Assessor

## From the Clerk's Office

Please welcome Helen MacArthur to the Clerk's office;

*"I am so enjoying working in the clerk's office. I began in November of 2012 and the time has just flown by. There are so many different tasks and so much to learn, every day is interesting.*

*My husband and I have lived in and raised our two sons here in East Bay Township and we love it here. I am now enjoying meeting our neighbors and seeing friends when they stop in at the twp. office."*

Northwestern Michigan College will have an August 6, 2013 Special

Election. Please note that you will vote at the Township office. We have combined precincts 1 & 4 at the north end and 2 & 3 at the south room. You may request an Absentee Voter Ballot for this election.

We hope you are taking the opportunity to enjoy our beautiful lakes and beaches this summer.

Susanne M. Courtade, CMC Clerk  
[scourtade@eastbaytp.org](mailto:scourtade@eastbaytp.org)

Helen MacArthur, Deputy Clerk  
[hmacarthur@eastbaytp.org](mailto:hmacarthur@eastbaytp.org)

## Commission on Aging

Many seniors depend on help in order to continue living independently and safely in their homes. The Grand Traverse County Commission on Aging provides this help to **165 East Bay Township seniors**. These services range from home health care, inside and outdoor maintenance, transportation and emergency response units. All of these services are paid for by a small local millage supported by you, the voters, by our clients who pay on a sliding fee scale based on their income, and by private donation.

Additionally, our Senior Center Network provides social, recreational, wellness, and educational programs. Membership is free to all Grand Traverse County seniors 60+. Newsletters are mailed directly to current members. Stop in and experience all there is to do.

For more information, contact the Grand Traverse County Commission on Aging In-Home Services at (231) 922-4688, the Senior Center Network at (231) 922-4911, or visit our website at: <http://www.co.grand-traverse.mi.us/departments/CommissiononAging.htm>

## Parks Commission

**Meetings are held on the 1st Monday of each month at 6:30pm at the township hall. We are looking for innovative ideas to improve our parks.**

The Parks Commission provides planning and guidance for all recreation projects undertaken by the Township.

Top priority in the coming months will be:

Updating the Parks Recreation Plan for 2014-2019.

Grant application for Grace Macdonald Park.

Parks review of future upgrades .

Your comments and questions concerning East Bay Township Parks are very valuable to the Park Commission and we urge you to share your ideas and concerns at any time.

**The pavilions at Grace Macdonald & Killingsworth Park** are available for rental through the township office. The cost of rental at Grace Macdonald Park is \$50 and at Killingsworth Park is \$20. If you would like to rent a pavilion, we will be happy to take your reservation. Please call Val at the township office at (231) 947-8647.



## East Bay Ambulance News for Summer 2013

I would like to thank everyone that came out to support Station 9 once again for our annual pancake breakfast held in April. I would also like to thank those non-emergency pancake helpers. We can't pull it off without you! We were able to update tools for our jaws of life on the rescue truck and purchase a new "stair chair" for the back-up ambulance. Thank you all very much!!

We continue our monthly training as mandated by the State and our local Medical Control, as well as training with Metro Fire. We also work very closely with our township Sheriff Community Police Officers, Deputies Shea and Metdepenning.

We thank all the law enforcement officers that respond with us to lend a hand!

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" to hang on your refrigerator. We have the forms and the red pockets in our ambulances and at station 9. If you are interested, just stop by station 9 on High Lake Rd.

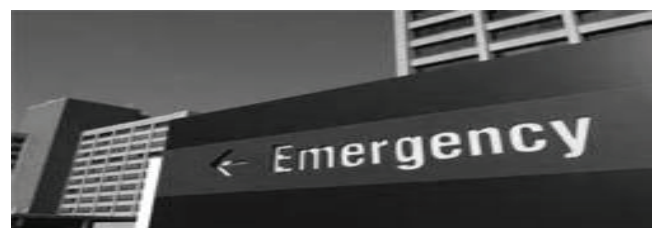
School is out! Please watch out for pedestrians, cyclists, pets, and kids everywhere! Along with summer comes the

heat! Please remember to hydrate yourselves and your family/friends while you are out enjoying our summer weather! If you need to call 911 for an emergency, stay calm and relay as much information as you can. Also, please keep your pathways clean around your house and be prepared to move vehicles if necessary. This helps us help you!

We have a full crew at the station during the day time hours, and an on call crew during the night time hours. In case of a major incident, the stations will be staffed 24 hours as needed to charge your electronics, provide water, etc.

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



## East Bay Branch Library Summer Events 2013

The East Bay Branch of the County Library is located at 1989 Three Mile Rd, right next door to the Township Office.

Some of the upcoming events at the library include:

July 6 from 12:00 to 2:00 Drop in Kids Craft: Make and Take a very cheery Cherry Shaker!

July 13 at 1:30 Family Concert with Miriam Pico...fun for all ages!

July 25, 26 & 27th 7th annual film-strip festival! More details to be announced.

August 2 from 12:00 to 4:00 Drop in Kids Craft: Painted Rocks!

September 14 from 1:00 to 3:00 the Annual Ice Cream Social...Community is invited to celebrate with us!!

One of the ongoing events is the "Wigglers Story Time" for preschoolers and friends. Always the last two weeks of each month on Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:30.

There are many more events so please visit the website at [www.tadl.org/eastbay](http://www.tadl.org/eastbay) or feel free to call us at 922-2085.

### Library Hours:

Tuesday and Thursday  
10 am to 8 pm  
Wednesday and Friday  
10 am to 6 pm  
Saturday  
10 am to 3 pm

Closed:  
Sunday and Monday



## Grand Traverse Metro Fire Department

A friendly reminder for all community members in East Bay that a visible address sign at the front of a home is an important factor on an emergency response whether the request is for fire, EMS or law enforcement. The response to a fire recently on Scout Camp Rd.

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was delayed for several minutes due to the fact that no visible address could be seen from the road. The occupant was required to walk to the road and assist incoming emergency units. If your residence or place of business is in an area which may be difficult to

find, please help us by placing highly visible address signs in locations which would assist our first responders in arriving quickly. As you all know, seconds often count in an emergency and we shouldn't spend valuable time looking for your house. If you have any questions on where to put your address, please call 947-3000 ext. 1234 and we will be glad to assist you.

## Community Police Officer

We are excited to have a new Community Police Officer (CPO) for East Bay, please welcome Deputy Sarah Metdepenningen. Sarah is replacing Deputy Matt Jerome, who is now one of the county's canine handlers. Sarah comes to us with eight years police experience and is an East Bay Resident. Sarah is a member of the accident investigation team, CPR instructor, and licensed EMT.

We want to remind everyone about the ORV ordinance, which allows ORV operation within East Bay Township with restrictions. Please refer to the ORV ordinance available at the Township Office or on the website at [www.eastbaytwp.org](http://www.eastbaytwp.org) for complete rules and regulations.

Have a great summer but first and foremost, please be safe!

Deputies Shea and Metdepenningen



## Planning & Zoning

.....a note from Leslie

It's baaaaack..... Construction I mean! Land Use Permits are almost double from last year; we have 19 new single family dwellings being constructed this year, as compared to 5 at this time in 2012. Two new buildings are going up on Chartwell Drive; a new 4 unit condo building and a new building for Children's Therapy Corner will begin construction in June, and a new apartment building is going up on South Airport Road. The Village Grill, located on Three Mile Road, next to Roy's, has recently opened and also new is Excel Physical Therapy located at Oleson's East on Hammond road. Welcome All!

Our office is also preparing for the 2015 reconstruction of US-31 North, between Three Mile and Four Mile, when we have news and updates it will be placed on the township website; [eastbaytp.org](http://eastbaytp.org). If you have questions about land use permits, ordinances, or general information please feel free to email me at [lcoururier@eastbaytp.org](mailto:lcoururier@eastbaytp.org) or phone (231) 947-8681.

**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, metal 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.

### Office Hours

Monday-Thursday

7:00 to 5:30

CLOSED FRIDAYS

Township Offices will be closed for the observance of the following holidays:

Independence Day-July 4

Labor Day-September 2

Veterans Day-November 11

Thanksgiving-November 27 & 28

\*\*Also closed for election August 6\*\*

## Treasurer

Tracey Bartlett, Treasurer, [tbartlett@eastbaytp.org](mailto:tbartlett@eastbaytp.org)

Jo Moloci, Deputy Treasurer, [jmoloci@eastbaytp.org](mailto:jmoloci@eastbaytp.org)

We continue to offer several methods to pay your taxes: in person Monday – Thursday 7:00 am to 5:30 pm using cash, check or credit card, you may drop your payment in the secured drop box outside the main entrance of the township office, automated bill pay and online with credit card or e-check. See the back of your tax bill or the township website [www.eastbaytp.org](http://www.eastbaytp.org) for more information. As always Tracey and Jo are available to answer your questions.

One question we are often asked is: Where do our taxes go? Included is a chart showing (as of 2012 mileage rates) what makes up our taxes. There is also an example of a tax bill on a non-homestead property with a taxable value of \$70,000. Take notice that East Bay Township only received \$51.44 from the example.

Taxing Unit	Mills	% of Taxes	\$70,000 Taxable Value Cost
County	4.9838	11%	348.87
Bata	0.3454	1%	24.18
NMC Oper/Debt	2.9400	7%	205.80
TBA/ISD	2.9312	7%	205.18
State Ed	6.0000	14%	420.00
TCAPS	21.1000	48%	1,477.00
Medical Care	0.6595	1%	46.17
COA	0.5000	1%	35.00
COA Sen Cent.	0.1000	0%	7.00
Library Oper/Debt	1.1092	3%	77.64
Township	0.7348	2%	51.44
EMS	2.9590	7%	207.13
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>44.3629</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3,105.40</b>

### DEFERMENT OF SUMMER 2013 TAXES

Did you know that you may qualify to defer payment of your summer taxes until February? If you have already signed up for tax deferral it will state "Summer Deferred" on your current bill. If not, you may like to see if you qualify. The Township of East Bay is currently accepting applications for summer 2013 tax deferrals. Deferral applications must be filed with the Treasurers office by September 15<sup>th</sup>.

To qualify, it must be your Principal Residence, household income cannot exceed \$40,000 and you must qualify for one of the following classifications:

62 years of age or older or a surviving spouse

Paraplegic, Hemiplegic, or Quadriplegic

Eligible Serviceperson, Eligible Veteran or Widow or Widower of

Blind

Totally and permanently disabled.

Those that Farm Agricultural real property may also qualify.

The deferral applications can be obtained on our website at [eastbaytp.org](http://eastbaytp.org). or at the Township office. Please call Tracey or Jo if you have any questions.

### Assessing

The East Bay Township Assessing staff are currently conducting its annual review of 20% of the parcels as recommended by the State Tax Commission.

Depending on the weather, this will take most of the summer to complete. All staff drive County marked vehicles and carry County Identification badges.

Did you know that if you are running a business in your home that the Township requires a home occupancy permit and that this may effect your 100% Principal Residence Exemption? Home occupied businesses do not qualify for a 100% exemption. The exemption is prorated based on the square footage used by the business. Please contact Russ or Susan at 231-922-4759 if you have any questions.