

EAST BAY TOWNSHIP

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231-947-8647

PARK UPDATES

The East Bay Township Park Commission has been very busy this summer and fall with numerous projects. We have successfully installed Phase I of the Grace Macdonald Park improvements. A 5-12 age playground was completed on October 30th with several volunteers and the Carter's Kids team. Electrical upgrades were completed at Grace Macdonald park pavilions as well; the purpose is to allow for multiple electrical devices to be plugged in at the same time in the pavilion without popping the fuse. As the weather allows, please come check out our new playground, and keep in mind the Pavilion for future gatherings. Reservations for the pavilion can be made through contacting Val Hedges at the township office.

Phase II upgrades proposed at Grace Macdonald park is the new bathroom (flushable toilets and running water) and ADA compatible upgrades at the park. We are awaiting news on a grant application for matching funds for Phase II. If approved, we anticipate bathroom upgrades in the spring.

The proposed Phase III upgrade includes a 2-5 age group playground to be installed on the south side of the play area. We are working on grants and community support for this; every donation big or small is appreciated. If you are aware of any local business grant program, please let one of the Parks commissioners know as we have a minimum fund raising goal of \$46,000 to get this tot park installed.

Grace Macdonald is not the only Park we are working on. We have plans for Gens Park and Arbutus Lake #5 Park as well. All of these plans need community involvement. There are numerous ways you can help. We have various fund raising projects going on. Please contact the Township office or any of the Park Commissioners to see how you can lend a hand or to give your input. Thank you for your support East Bay Township residents!

Butch Strait 590-4352 | Steve Largent 883-9960 | Edie Gibbs 633-6302 | Jeri Leroi 709-6472 | Shirley Zerafa 938-9388 | Mindy Walters 933-7251 | Susan LaRose-Grover 946-3828.

TREASURER'S OFFICE

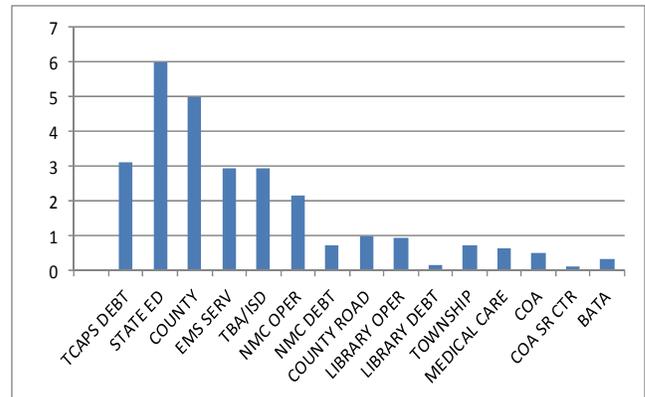
Do you ever wonder where all your tax dollars go? The chart to the right shows you how your tax dollars are spread to the entire community.

Taxes are due by February 14 and can be paid here at the Township through February 28. March 1, the delinquent taxes are transferred to

the County Treasurer's office and are payable there.

There are numerous ways you may pay your taxes. Please refer to the back of your tax bill, or to our website, at www.eastbaytwp.org for more details.

Have a great Winter!
Tracey & Jo



The above graph shows the millage of 27.3289 for a 100% PRE. If your property is not your homestead there is an additional 18 mills for TCAPS.



10 safety tips from Metro

It's not too early to begin preparing for the heating season. Check these 10 tips off your list and get ahead of the winter freeze.

- Our furnace has been inspected and serviced in past 12 months.
- Our chimneys and vents have been cleaned and inspected.
- We are using dry, seasoned firewood.
- Our fireplace screen is metal or heat-tempered glass and is secure in front of fireplace.
- We have a covered metal container to dispose of cooled ashes.
- Our children know to stay at least 3 feet away from fireplace or space heaters.
- Our space heaters

have automatic shut-off.

- We are not using any extension cords for our space heaters.
- We have tested our smoke alarms and made sure they work.
- We have tested our carbon monoxide alarms and made sure they work.

East Bay Branch Library

Find information on more events at the East Bay Branch Library @ www.tadl.org/eastbay or find us on Facebook.

Saturday 12/13
Holiday Open House 1:30 til 3:00 p.m. Featuring musical entertainment with Miriam Pico and David Chown. Families and friends are invited to stop in to the library and have holiday treats and make and take seasonal decorations.

Wednesday 12/17
Wigglers Story Time for preschoolers and friends @ 10:30 a.m. The Toodlers will play holiday recorder music! Stories and songs from around the world!
Friday 12/ 19
Wigglers Story Time for preschoolers and friends. 10:30 a.m. The

Gingerbread Man and a visit from Santa Claus.
Thursday 1/15
Miniature Night with local artist Carolyn Swisher and the Northern Michigan Mini-makers! 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday 1/20
Knitting Night! Share tips and tricks, or just sit and knit! 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Fireworks



As a reminder to our residents, the State of Michigan mandates that fireworks ARE legal. The East Bay Township fireworks ordinance does limit the days to the day before, the day of, and the day after National Holidays as well as the times that they can be discharged. For more information on the dates and

times that fireworks are allowed please visit our website or the State of MI website.

If you have a concern regarding the use of fireworks during times that they are NOT allowed, please **contact the sheriff office while the violation is occurring** at 231-922-4550. If you wait until the next

day, it is too late. The abusers must be caught by the police while they are breaking the law in order to enforce it.

If you rent out your home on a weekly basis, please be sure to let your renters know about this ordinance. We would like to keep our Township a safe and pleasant place to live and play.

Commission on Aging

Grand Traverse County Commission on Aging is pleased to serve the residents of East Bay Township. Our records indicate that we provided services to 163 East Bay Township residents with In-Home services in 2013 and 250 are currently active through our Senior Center Network. We have the privilege of providing that service due to a millage received from the residents of Grand Traverse County.

The core programs offered by Commission on Aging's In-Home services include home health care, respite, housecleaning, outside home chore, and personal emergency response units. The COA also has transportation and heating assistance available in 2012 due to the generous donation of an anonymous donor. By providing this assistance, older adults can remain living independently and safely in their homes.

The Senior Center Network provides social, recreational, wellness and educational programming in five locations of the County - Traverse City, Acme, Fife Lake, Interlochen and Kingsley. Newsletters are mailed directly to seniors with current memberships and a monthly calendar of events is available in the Grand Traverse Insider or on our website. www.gtcoa.org.

The Commission on Aging looks forward to a continued relationship with the people residing in East Bay Township. Thank you for your support.

Ambulance

From the right of passage from summer to fall and soon to be the winter months, we need to take some time to check on our neighbors. Winter months can be challenging, and with the holidays fast approaching, it can be very stressful on many lonely for others. So, as residents of East Bay Township, let's do our part to check on our

neighbors and offer a friendly smile and make sure that they are doing ok.

Remember to keep your walkways cleared of snow as much as possible and your house numbers visible from the road for us to be able to access you as quickly as possible in your time of need.

Station 9A is staffed from 7

am to 7pm every day and we have a full on call staff after 7 pm, 7 days a week. We are normally at the station unless on a call so feel free to stop by for a blood pressure check or just to say 'hi'.

Most of all, from your East Bay Ambulance family, we want to wish you all a very Happy Holiday and safe and prosperous New Year!

Be sure to keep your sidewalks cleared, and address visible from the road. Also, please check in on your neighbors!

Clerk's Greetings

Another year is coming to a close and we wanted to take a moment to say "Thank You" for taking an active role in the happenings in and around our community! We have very dedicated residents that sign up to work as election inspectors and voters that want to make their voices heard in the voting booth.

Your dedication is what helps to make our community so special!

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Sue and Helen

WHO SHOULD I CALL??

In an emergency, call 911. If not an emergency, who do you call?

- GT County Road Commission.....922-4848
- Metro Fire.....947-3000
- Community Police Officer (CPO), (answering machine).....947-3631
- DNR/DEQ.....922-5280
- Animal Control.....995-6080

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ELECTED OFFICIALS 947-8647

GLEN LILE.....SUPERVISOR

TRACEY BARTLETT.....TREASURER

SUE COURTADE.....CLERK

MATT COURTADE.....TRUSTEE

BETH FRIEND.....TRUSTEE

CRAIG GOODRICH.....TRUSTEE

BRYAN MARROW.....TRUSTEE

STAFF

VAL HENDGES.....RECEPTIONIST

LESLIE COUTURIER.....ZONING

JO MOLOCI.....DEP TREASURER

HELEN MACARTHUR.....DEP CLERK

BOB BURNS.....BLDG & GROUNDS

SUSAN KARAKOS.....ASSESSOR

RUSS CASSLEMAN.....ASSESSOR

COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICERS 947-3631

SARA METDEPENNINGEN.....DEPUTY

SEAN GRIFFARD.....DEPUTY

Office of Planning & Zoning

The Planning Commission Meets the First Tuesday of Each Month at 6:30PM

The Zoning Board of Appeals Meets the Second Tuesday of Each Month at 6:30PM

Land Use Permits from the Township are required for all types of construction activity, such as new homes, additions, garages, **all decks (including ground level)**, and sheds or storage buildings, that are larger than 100 square feet. Please remember if you are on the water the setback is 50 feet from the ordinary high water mark, except for water side decks, which do require permits. It is recommended that you contact the Zoning Office prior to construction to see what permits are needed. Land Use Permits that are complete, and filed, are usually issued within 5 working days, during regular business hours. Appointments for application review are available.

Plastic, Canvas, and Metal Structures are required to obtain permits if larger than 100 square feet. These structures must also meet the required setbacks and inspections are required.

Two (2) Minor Accessory Buildings such as sheds that are 10' x 10' or less shall be permitted per lot. Minor Accessory Buildings may be located between the lot line and the side or rear yard setback line and **Minor Accessory Buildings** shall not require a land use permit, except for properties located on water where other provisions of the Zoning Ordinance may apply. Minor accessory buildings may occupy not more than 30 percent of a required rear yard, and unenclosed parking spaces may occupy not more than 90 percent of a required rear yard.

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 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 estates signs are also prohibited. If signs are found to be in violation, the Township Zoning Inspector will remove the signs.

Junk Ordinance in Effect; an Ordinance to regulate and control the storage and disposal of junk and junk vehicles within the Township. The term "junk" shall mean any motor vehicle, machinery, appliance, product or merchandise, scrap metal, other scrap materials which are damaged, deteriorated, or that are in a condition which prevents their use for the purpose for which they were intended, and household trash.

No person shall place, discard, or abandon junk in a place where it is visible from a highway, street, or other public way, or where it is visible to an abutting landowner from that portion of the land used on a regular basis. No person shall place discard, or abandon junk on public property or the private property of another, regardless if visible from a highway, street, or other public way, or from adjoining land. The Grand Traverse County Sheriff and his deputies are authorized as local enforcement officers of this ordinance.

Civil Fines for Municipal Civil Infractions; The township now imposes **Civil Fines for Municipal Civil Infractions;** any violator of the East Bay Charter Township Ordinance shall be deemed to be responsible for a municipal civil infraction as defined by Michigan statute which shall be punishable by a civil fine for each violation.

Civil Fines for Municipal Civil Infractions:

1st violation	\$100
2nd violation	\$250
3rd violation	\$500
4th or more	\$1000

Each day that a violation continues to exist shall constitute a separate violation of the Ordinance. Municipal Civil Infractions are also utilized when the Junk and Noise Ordinances are violated.