

EAST BAY TOWNSHIP

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Supervisor's Greetings

It is now another change in the seasons, that is why we love living in this beautiful area. It has been a challenging summer with all the road construction but has been well worth the inconvenience.

The new water tower and water main project continue to move forward. The route of the new main will run east on Hammond road to Haaland road then north to the water tower in Holiday Hills by way of Windcrest Hills and English Woods. There will be fire hydrants along the route to better serve our residents. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

I would also like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe prosperous New Year.

Supervisor

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(231) 947-8719

Clerk's News

We are getting ready for a very busy election year in 2016. The Presidential Primary will be held March 8th, 2016. To be eligible to vote at that time, you must be registered by February 8th. In August we will hold the State Primary Election on the 2nd, with the last registration date for eligibility being July 5th. We will hold the State General Election November 8th, 2016, and new voters must register by October 11th to be eligible to vote in that election. All election and registration dates are listed on our township website, along with a link to voter registration forms and applications for absent voter ballots. Reminder: Pct. 1 & 4 vote at the township Hall. Pct. 2 & 3 vote at the fire & ambulance station, 110 High Lake Rd. Visit our website: www.eastbaytwp.org

If you are interested in receiving an application for an absent voter ballot prior to each election, please use the form below and we will add your name to the "Permanent Absent Voter Application" list. By asking to be added to this list, you will receive your application automatically. When you fill out the application and return it to the clerk's office an absent voter ballot will be issued.

Have a safe and happy winter!

Susanne M. Courtade CMMC/CMC Township Clerk

Helen E. MacArthur CMMC/CMC Township Deputy Clerk

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PRINT NAME

ADDRESS

SIGNATURE

DATE

AMBULANCE NEWS

It's hard to believe that summer arrived and left, in what seems like the blink of an eye. School has been in session for a few months and winter is closing in.

With the winter months ahead, remember to dress warm, give yourself extra time to travel to your destination, make sure your walk is shoveled and your address visible and check on your neighbor to see if they need any assistance, especially if they are aging.

A topic of concern recently is ambulance charges and payment. Hopefully we can clarify any misunderstandings and questions you might have.

Everybody using East Bay Ambulance in an emergency situation has a bill sent to their insurance company / companies for payment. On occasion there might be a remaining balance such as a deductible or co-pay.

At this time if you live in, or pay taxes to East Bay Township, there should be no out of pocket expenses and you should not receive a bill.

Sometimes Northflight responds to an emergency in East Bay Township and transports the patient to Munson Hospital. All insurance companies are billed. If there is a balance after all insurance companies have paid you might receive a bill. If this happens please call us at 947-0299 or send the bill to us at 110 High Lake Rd.

If by chance you need an ambulance and are not in the Township when the emergency happens you are responsible for any remaining balance.

If you have chest pain, trouble breathing or symptoms of stroke it is in your best interest to call 911.

Remember our office is staffed 7 days a week from 7 am to 7 pm. Feel free to stop in and get your blood pressure checked, pick up a "file of life", check out your ambulances or just to say hello.

Have a safe winter!

Tim Newton, Ambulance Operations

Watch our website this Spring for the date of our Pancake Breakfast. Usually the end of April or Beginning of May! This fundraiser for the Ambulance Association is always yummy and a good time!!

Parks and Recreation

Our Parks and Rec. Board has had a very productive year. With grants from the Oleson Foundation and the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, we have the monies needed to complete a 2 to 5 year old play structure at Grace Macdonald park. The playground for 5-10 year olds has been finished and is highly used.

In addition to this, we are upgrading the bathrooms at both Grace and Arbutus parks. New benches and Adirondack chairs are in use, thanks to Mindy Walters' recycling efforts with area youth. We are finishing removing trees damaged by the August 2nd storm. Look forward to more improvements in 2016.

Chinese lanterns are banned in East Bay Twp.!!

Planning

We are pleased to announce the addition to our staff of a new Planner.

Rick Brown, AICP,CBSP was born and raised in Indianapolis, but recalls many wonderful summer family vacations to the Frankfort-Arcadia area during his youth. He received his bachelors' degree from Purdue and a masters from Virginia Tech. For the past 26 years he has been a professional planner, first in Maryland and then in Michigan. During the past 20 years he served the residents of Meridian Township in Ingham County.

In his spare time, Rick enjoys bicycling, hiking, kayaking, flow yoga, reading, writing, and volunteering for non-profit organizations. He and his wife, Kathy, are thrilled to be moving to Northwest MI and look forward to becoming active members of the community.

Please feel free to stop in and welcome Rick anytime!!

Treasurer's Office

Great News!! This year you will notice a decrease in your winter tax bill millage rate. Last year's millage rate was 8.5084 and this year it is 7.7091 a decrease of .7993 mills. The decrease is primarily due to the Medical Care Facility millage expiring and the reduction of the Emergency Services millage. This would mean that on a home with a taxable value of \$100,000 there would be reduction from 2014 winter taxes of \$79.93.

See the back of your bill or call the Treasurer's office if you have questions on the options of how to pay your tax bills. Many people, especially snowbirds, are signing up for automatic withdrawals from their checking accounts. This way, even if the bill doesn't make it to your temporary destination, your payment will not be late!!

Winter tax bills are due by February 16th. Penalties will be added on February 17th. Both winter and summer 2015 tax bills may be paid here at the Township office until February 29th. Effective March 1, all remaining balances will be considered delinquent and will be sent to the County Treasurer for collection. Please avoid the additional penalties and interest and get your payment here on time!

Tracey Bartlett, Treasurer and Jo Moloci, Deputy Treasurer

East Bay Branch Library

It's never too early to introduce your little ones to books! Bring your favorite little friend to Wiggles Story Time with Miss Rosie! It is scheduled on Wednesdays and Fridays the last two weeks of each month at 10:30 am. Wiggles Story Time features stories, songs, finger plays and fun!

There are many other events happening at the Library including Holiday crafts with local artists and musicians, visits from Santa and a Valentines party.

The library is located right next door to (and shares a parking lot with) the Township Office and is open at 10am Tuesday through Saturday, has evening hours on Tuesday and Thursday and is closed on Sunday and Monday. You may contact them at 922-2085 or view the website at www.tadl.org/eastbay to get updated information on upcoming programs and events.

The common loon is threatened in Michigan. They are especially vulnerable to personal watercraft. Please respect loons when you are out on the lakes. Once the loons are gone, your solitude might be slipping away too. Visit the community page of our website to learn more about the loons and how you can help them.

East Bay Township hours:

Monday –Thursday

7am to 5:30pm.

Closed Friday.

Visit our website at www.eastbaytwp.org for current events, meeting information, ordinances and popular forms.

Community Police Officer (CPO)

We are working in conjunction with neighborhood associations to help facilitate watch group type meetings. We will come to speak to your group about various topics and safety measures, such as identity theft, residential safety, narcotics, spotting and reporting suspicious activity, etc. If your neighborhood or association is willing to participate in holding meetings, please contact us to select a date & topic. We are also willing to present to any community groups or programs on various safety education topics. We encourage working together with the community to solve and deter criminal activity in our township. Call or email us at 231-947-3631 smetdepenningen@gtsheriff.org or sgriffard@gtsheriff.org

"The police are the public and the public are the police; the police being only members of the public who are paid to give full time attention to duties which are incumbent on every citizen in the interests of community welfare and existence." — Sir Robert Peel

Home Fire Safety Inspection Checklist

Grand Traverse Metro Fire Department
897 Parsons Rd, Traverse City, Michigan 49686
(231) 947-3000 / www.gtmetrofire.org



EXTERIOR

- Make house number visible from street
- Trim trees away from electrical wires
- Trim trees away from chimney and remove all pine needles and leaves from roofs, eaves & rain gutters
- Use ashtrays outside to avoid mulch fires

HEATING EQUIPMENT & FIREPLACE

- Keep space heaters at least 3 feet away from all combustibles
- Replace furnace filters
- Clean lint from behind clothes dryer
- Install a spark screen in front of fireplace
- Have chimney inspected and cleaned annually
- Install a spark arrester on chimney
- Dispose of ashes in metal containers and place outdoors
- Keep newspapers, other combustibles and clutter away from water heater

ELECTRICAL

- Avoid overloading electrical circuits
- Inspect electrical cords and appliances for damage
- Do not tack cords to the wall or run them under rugs
- Maintain air space around electrical equipment, such as TV, DVD, stereo, etc.
- Install additional outlets, by a qualified electrician, to avoid using cube taps and extension cords
- If you must use extension cords, use only the kind that have a built-in circuit breaker

FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS & HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

- Limit the amount of chemicals stored
- Dispose of and recycle household hazardous materials properly
- Store hazardous materials in proper containers with tight-fitting lids and correct identification labels
- Store hazardous materials away from heat sources
- Allow for proper ventilation when using flammable liquids and hazardous materials
- Put oily rags in metal containers with tight-fitting lids, not in a pile where they can spontaneously ignite

COOKING

- Never leave cooking unattended
- Cuff sleeves and turn pot handles inward when cooking to avoid burn injuries
- Never store combustibles in oven in oven or on top of stove
- When barbequing, move unit away from the house
- Dispose of coals/ashes in metal containers

SMOKING MATERIALS & CANDLES

- Never leave cigarettes or candles unattended
- Empty ashtrays into noncombustible containers only
- Never smoke in bed
- Place candles in noncombustible, sturdy holders
- Keep matches and lighters out of reach of children

SMOKE ALARMS

- Install smoke alarms inside and outside every sleeping area and on every level of your home
- Test smoke alarms once a month. *Hint: Use a broom handle to reach and push test button*
- Replace smoke alarm batteries twice a year. *Hint: Use daylight savings time as a reminder*
- Replace smoke alarms every 10 years.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

- Purchase a multipurpose (ABC) extinguisher
- Teach your family how to use a fire extinguisher (Use P.A.S.S. Pull pin, Aim, Squeeze, Sweep)
- Inspect extinguishers annually

DEVELOP & PRACTICE A HOME ESCAPE PLAN

- Develop a home escape plan that includes:
 - Crawling low under smoke
 - Two exits out of every room
 - A meeting place outside (Tree, mailbox, etc.)
- Practice escape plan with every member. Take into account individual abilities.
- Teach all family members how to:
 - Dial 9-1-1 in an emergency (State name, location, and type of emergency)
 - Stop, drop, and roll if clothes catch fire
 - Get Out and Stay Out!