

# KAWKAWLIN TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

## SPRING/SUMMER 2017

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**Office Hours**  
Mon—Wed 8:00—12:00, 1:00—5:00  
Thur 9—12, 1—4  
**CLOSED FRIDAY**

### OFFICE CLOSED

May 29 Memorial Day  
July 3 & 4 Independence Day  
September 4 Labor Day  
October 9 Columbus Day  
November 23 Thanksgiving  
December 25, 26, 28, 29  
Christmas  
January 1, 2 New Year  
January 15 Martin Luther

### HOUSE NUMBER SIGNS

*Make sure emergency vehicles can find your house.*  
If you would like a green reflective house number sign to put on your mailbox you may come to the office and purchase one for \$15.00.



### DOG/CAT LICENSES

Dog and cat licenses may be purchased at the Kawkawlin Township Office. Please remember to bring your Bay County renewal form along with proof of rabies vaccination.

### FROM THE SUPERVISOR

**Hours: Monday–Wednesday 8–12, 1–5**

Good Afternoon,  
If you would like to get on my Township updates email list, please send me an email at [supervisor@kawkawlintwp.org](mailto:supervisor@kawkawlintwp.org).

The Bay County water 2016 Consumer Confidence Report is now available to view online or receive a paper copy. Please follow this link [www.baycodws.org/CCR2016.pdf](http://www.baycodws.org/CCR2016.pdf).

Our new Fire Engine and Rescue trucks are here and in service. Thanks to the Township residents we were able to pay cash for these trucks. Feel free to stop in and check them out. Pictures are available on our website at [kawkawlintwp.org](http://kawkawlintwp.org).

The Township will be celebrating its 150th anniversary next year. Jan 7, 1868 Kawkawlin Township was established. We are planning a celebration, so if you or anyone you know would be interested in helping plan or helping at the celebration, please contact the clerk at 989-686-8710. We are hoping to get some antiques and any old documents about the Township.

### FROM THE CLERK

**Hours: Tuesday - Thursday 8-12, 1-5**

Next year Kawkawlin Township will be celebrating its *Sesquicentennial*—150 year anniversary, and our Fire Department will be celebrating its 70 year anniversary. We are planning a joint celebration on July 20 & 21, 2018. We are currently in the early stages of planning and have several ideas on what we would like to do. If anyone has any ideas on what we could do or would like to help with this celebration, please contact me at 686-8710. I will be sending out more information as the date gets closer.

Also, the State of Michigan has provided us with new voting equipment, which we will be using for next years elections. Come out and vote and check out the new equipment.

### BAY COUNTY DIVISION ON AGING—KAWKAWLIN TOWNSHIP HALL SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

Kawkawlin Senior Activity Center is looking for seniors 60 years and older who want to join a group who love fellowship, cards, activities and a nutritious noon meal. Consider bringing your group to our location to meet and eat. We are here Wednesday's and Thursday's from 9:00 am - 12:30 pm, meals served at 11:30 am. Exercise classes with Millissa on Wednesday's at 12:45pm, drop in fee of \$2.00. Euchre and Smear on Thursday's 9:00 am - 11:30 am  
Bingo on Thursday's 12:30 pm  
Lunch suggested donation \$2.50 (60 years & better)

**FROM THE ASSESSOR**

**Hours: Monday 8-12, 1-5**

Another tax season is here. When you get your tax bill, please check it immediately for any errors. Clerical issues can be addressed at the July and December Board of Review. Assessment issues can be addressed by appointment at the March Board of Review.

Make sure you file your *Transfer Affidavit* and your *Principal Residence Affidavit*, when you purchase a new home so that we can make sure you get credit for living at your new residence. If you are buying a home please remember to file a *Home Owners Principal Residence Exemption Affidavit* with the Assessor.

If you are thinking about selling lots or a portion of your property, you **must** file a Land Division Application. Otherwise, the party you are selling the land to will not be able to obtain permits, as this is an illegal split. Also, if you are planning on tearing down a building we require you to purchase a Demolition permit for

\$10.00. This helps us to keep any non-existing buildings off your assessment. Anyone filing for Veterans Exemption, this needs to be done yearly. If you have any questions or concerns please call me at (989) 686-8710 or go to [www.michiganassessor.org](http://www.michiganassessor.org).

**FROM THE TREASURER**

**Hours Monday-Thursday 9 -12, 1-4**

Summer tax bills are due and payable without interest July 1 - Sept 14, 2017. Please call the Treasurers Office at 686-8710 ext 223 if you do not receive your tax notice as the State law says a property owner is responsible for property taxes (including late charges that may accrue) regardless of whether or not a bill was received. When you receive your tax bill, **PLEASE open immediately** and check for errors. Some errors need to be corrected through the Board of Review, which takes place July 18, and once corrected may affect the tax amount on your bill. The sooner these errors are caught the easier they are to correct. If you pay by mail or use the drop box and would like a "paid receipt", we ask that you please enclose a

Stamped, self-addressed envelope. We accept only cash, check or money order for payment of taxes. We do not accept credit cards. Any tax bill not paid by Sept 14, 2017 will have a 1% interest added from the 15-30 and another 1% every month after. You can pay your summer taxes here in the Kawkawlin Office until February 28, 2018.

**The last day to apply for Summer Tax Deferral is Sept. 14, 2017.**

Also, please remember if you are filing for Personal Property Tax Exemption (form 5076) or Disabled Veterans Exemption (form 5107) it must be done annually. We have these forms in the office or they

Can be found on our website: [www.kawkawlintwp.org](http://www.kawkawlintwp.org) or at [Michigan.gov](http://Michigan.gov).

**Dates to remember:**

- July 3, 4 - Closed
- Sept 4 - Closed
- Sept 14 - Summer Taxes Due
- Oct 9 - Closed
- Nov 23 - Closed
- Dec 25, 26, 28, 29 - Closed
- Jan 1, 2, 15 - Closed
- Feb 14 - Winter Taxes Due
- Feb 19 - Closed
- Feb 28 - Last Day to Pay Summer/Winter Taxes in Kawkawlin Twp.



*We would like to thank Sandy Klass for her many dedicated years of service with Kawkawlin Township. Sandy has been with the Township for 20 1/2 years, 18 years as Treasurer and 2 1/2 years as Deputy Treasurer.*

*Also, we would like to welcome Judy Bruzewski as our new Deputy Treasurer.*



## FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

**Hours: Monday–Saturday 9–5**

Hey, stop by the station and see what your millage money is being used for. We have just purchased two new Fire Trucks.

I want to especially Thank the following fire fighters, D.J. Randall, Eric Knochel, Jason Snyder and Paul Meylan, who worked with the manufacturer from the bidding to completion for over a year to make the new Engine 14 happen. And, Asst. Chief Patrick Campbell, D. J. Randall and a few other fire fighters who worked with me to make the new Rescue happen.

While we had most of the money needed for these trucks, thanks to the millage, I want to thank the members of the Kawkawlin Twp Board for their co-operation and help with completing the purchases and the sale of the old Engine.

Also, I would like to Thank the residents and business' of Kawkawlin Twp for your continued support.

J.M. Burke Jr., Fire Chief

This is a friendly reminder that if you are going to burn any materials at all you must come to the Fire Dept. to obtain and sign for a burning permit (Mon - Sat 9 - 5). If the Fire Department receives any complaints a unit will be dispatched to check the complaint out. If the firefighter determines that the fire is a violation of any of the rules the fire will be extinguished and the permit will be re-voked.

*This mandate has been in effect since June of 2005.*

### **FIRE HYDRANTS**

If there is a fire hydrant located on or near your property we ask that you please

Keep it clear of tall grass, weeds, debris and snow.

### **Smoke/CO Detectors**

Please remember to change the batteries in your detectors twice a year. A good rule of thumb: change your clocks, change your batteries.

### **\*\*INTERESTED IN BEING A FIREFIGHTER?\*\*\***

You must be at least 18 yrs of age and a high school graduate or possess a G.E.D. You must fill out an application and upon approval must be willing to have 12 hrs of documented training during

your first 6 months probation period. If interested, please contact the fire department 686-8710.

### **MILLAGE RENEWAL**

We would like to Thank the residents of Kawkawlin Township in supporting the Fire Department Millage Renewal.

The money received from this millage goes towards maintenance, housing and necessary equipment used to keep our firefighters safe. We have recently purchased a new truck that is scheduled to be delivered in early 2017.



### **RECYCLE**

If you did not get your trash, recycle, or yard waste picked up after you had it out on time on your scheduled day, call 1-800-578-2664 the same day or you won't get it picked up until the next recycle date. If you need a list of what is acceptable and what is not, you can go to our website: [www.kawkawlintwp.org](http://www.kawkawlintwp.org) and view the recycle guide located under Residents Information/Recycle Yard Waste Schedule.

### **Yard waste pick-up has resumed and will continue through the end of November**

A reminder to anyone who is dumping brush in the Southwest corner of the ball field to be burned, please **NO** tires or trash of any kind. It is for brush only, and **twigs/trunks must not be any more than 2" thick**. Anyone caught violating these rules may be fined up to \$500.00

## KAWKAWLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

Dennis Bragiel - Supervisor  
Greg Petrimoulx - Clerk  
Melissa Klass - Treasurer  
Melvin McNally - Trustee  
Kendall MacConnell - Trustee

2017/2018

### PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS 7:00 p.m.

June 1	July - No Meeting
August 3	September 7
October 5	November 2
December 7	January 4
February 1	March 1

### BOARD MEETINGS

June 12	7:00 pm	June 27	4:00 pm
July 10	7:00 pm	July 25	4:00 pm
Aug 14	7:00 pm	Aug 29	4:00 pm
Sept 11	7:00 pm	Sept 26	4:00 pm
Oct 10	7:00 pm	Oct 24	4:00 pm
Nov 13	7:00 pm	Nov 28	4:00 pm
Dec 11	7:00 pm	Dec 26	No Mtg
Jan 8	7:00 pm	Jan 23	4:00 pm
Feb 12	7:00 pm	Feb 27	4:00 pm
Mar 12	7:00 pm	Mar 27	4:00 pm

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