

# KAWKAWLIN TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

## SPRING/SUMMER 2013

1836 E. Parish Rd.  
Kawkawlin, MI 48631



**Office Hours**  
M—TH 8:00—12:00, 1:00—5:00  
CLOSED FRIDAY

### OFFICE CLOSED

May 27 Memorial Day  
July 4 Independence Day  
Sept 2 Labor Day  
Oct 14 Columbus Day  
Nov 11 Veterans Day



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

May 2  
June 6  
July 4 No Mtg  
August 1  
September 5  
October 3  
November 7  
December 5

### BOARD MEETINGS

May 13 7:00	May 28 4:00
June 10 7:00	June 25 4:00
July 8 7:00	July 30 4:00
Aug 12 7:00	Aug 27 4:00
Sept 9 7:00	Sept 24 4:00
Oct 14 7:00	Oct 29 4:00
Nov 11 7:00	Nov 26 4:00
Dec 9 7:00	Dec 31 No Mtg

### FROM THE TREASURER

Summer tax bills are due and payable July 1 thru Sept 16. Because the 14th falls on a Saturday the last day to pay summer taxes without interest will be Monday Sept. 16. Summer taxes not paid by Sept. 16 will incur a 1% late fee from the 17—30, and another 1% every month thereafter. The Kawkawlin Township Office will accept payment for summer taxes through Feb. 28, 2014. Please call the Kawkawlin Township Office at 686-8710 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.

### FROM THE SUPERVISOR

It's April 22 and we are still looking for spring. Hopefully warmer weather will get here soon. Recent rains caused a lot of area flooding and road closures. I hope everyone was able to keep the water out of your build-

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 is scheduled for July 16, 2013. 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 or check for payment of taxes. We do not accept credit cards.

### ***Deferment of Summer Taxes***

Deferment of summer taxes need to be applied for yearly and must be turned in by

Sept. 16.

### ***Property Tax Escrow***

Every July and December, property owners receive their tax bill in the mail. Some owners may have their property taxes escrowed with their mortgage payment. If requested by the escrow agent, the Township will provide them with the tax amount. *However, it is the property owner's responsibility to ensure that their taxes are paid in full.*

### ***Dates to remember:***

July 1—Tax Bills Mailed Out  
July 4 Office Closed  
Sept. 2 Office Closed  
Sept. 16 Summer Taxes Due. Treasurers office will be open until 5:00

ings.

### ***Re-Appraisal***

This summer the assessing department will be finishing up the re-appraisal of the entire Township. Commercial, Industrial and agricultural properties still

need to be done. After that our records will be kept up as building permits are final. This will keep our records current.

### ***Road Repair***

We will be putting \$250,000 into road



**STREET LIGHT OUT?**

Call Consumers Energy at 1-800-477-5050 or go to ConsumersEnergy.com. Be ready to give cross streets or address nearest the outage.

**ROAD REPAIR CON'T**

repair this year. Our roads are in fair shape. We have been working on three miles of road each year. Roads are in the same condition all around the county and many Townships have a road millage to offset the cost from the general fund. Our millage was defeated by a small margin and we will be putting it on the

ballot for the next election. If the millage passes we will be adding the millage amount to what we are currently spending on roads, allowing us to double what we are currently doing. Road projects are picked according to a Phaser rating and traffic counts furnished by the Bay County Road Commission.



**HOUSE NUMBER SIGNS**

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.

*Make sure emergency vehicles can find your house.*

**FROM THE CLERK**

We would like to welcome Molly Reinhardt as our new Deputy Clerk, as Mike Arnold is now retired from that position. Thank you Mike for your many years of service.

We are need of Election Inspectors. There is some training you must attend so if you are interested please contact Greg at 686-8710 for more information.

**FROM THE ASSESSOR**

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 Board of Review scheduled for July 16. 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 ask that you purchase a Demolition permit for \$10.00.

If your property is classified agriculture and you are putting up a building we ask that you fill out an awareness permit for \$10.00.

This helps us to keep your assessment records accurate and current.



**YARD WASTE**

Yard waste pick-up resumed April 4 and will continue through November 30. If you would like a schedule you can visit our website at kawkawlintwp.org or pick one up at our office.

**FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Hours: Monday–Saturday 9–12 & 1–5**

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. 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 shall be extinguished and this permit shall be revoked.

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 and debris.

***A Few Safety Tips***

**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 month probation period. If interested, please contact the fire department.

*Once again we would like to thank the residents of Kawkawlin for your continued support.*



**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.

**RECYCLE**

Recycle bins are available for \$3.00 at the Kawkawlin Township Office. We also have rain barrels for \$25.00. 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.



Yard waste pick-up has resumed and will continue through November 30.

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



Congratulations to the two winners of the Kawkawlin Township Flag Design contest, Lucas Easter and Marie Wachowiak. The two designs were combined to create the Township Flag.

**PARK & RECREATION**

Don't forget you can rent the Township Park pavilion for all your summer parties. Deposit to hold your date is \$25.00, which will be returned if there are no damaged or missing items. Electricity is available for an additional \$25.00. Please feel free to use the picnic tables, ball diamonds and tennis courts.

Also, volunteers are needed for the Recreation Committee. If you would like to be a part of the committee please stop by the Kawkawlin Township office or call 686-8710.

KAWKAWLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

Dennis Bragiel - Supervisor  
Greg Petrimoulx - Clerk  
Sandra Klass - Treasurer  
Melvin McNally - Trustee  
Jack Hetherington - Trustee

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*Have a Great Summer*

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