

KAWKAWLIN TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

FALL/WINTER 2012

**1836 E. Parish Rd.
Kawkawlin, MI 48631**

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

OFFICE CLOSED

Nov 22 Thanksgiving
Dec 24, 25 Christmas
Dec 31 New Years Eve
Jan 1 New Years Day
Jan 21 Martin Luther
King Day
Jan 22, 23, 24 Winter
Conference
Feb 18 President's Day
May 27 Memorial Day

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

Dec 6, 2012
Jan 3, 2013
Feb 7, 2013
Mar 7, 2013

BOARD MEETINGS

2012
Nov 27 4:00 pm
Dec 10 7:00pm No Second Mtg

2013
Jan 14 7:00 pm Jan 29 4:00 pm
Feb 11 7:00 pm Feb 26 4:00 pm
Mar 11 7:00 pm Mar 26 4:00 pm

FROM THE TREASURER

Winter tax bills will be mailed out December 1, 2012 and are due on February 14, 2013. 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. 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 the second week of December and once

FROM THE SUPERVISOR

Good morning everyone. Today is the day after the elections and the first day of the 2016 election season. Give us a break, the election was only yesterday. It seems like the campaigns are getting longer and longer.

On a serious note, I would like to thank everyone that exercised their rights and voted.

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 or check for payment of taxes. We do not accept credit cards. Any tax bill not paid by Feb 14 will have a 3% penalty added from the 15--28, 2013. As of March 1, 2013 all unpaid tax bills (except personal property) will be sent to the Bay County Treasurer's

Whether you were on the winning side or not your voice was heard and hopefully our elected official can forget about party lines and start to work together to make life easier for all Americans.

WATER PLANT

We are in negotiations' with all the townships that have water in Bay City on building a new

office for collection.

Dates to remember:

Dec. 1—Tax Bills Mailed Out

Dec. 24 & 25 Office Closed

Dec. 28 Treasurer's Office Open until Noon

Dec. 31 Office Closed

Jan. 1, 21—25 Office Closed

Feb. 18 Office Closed

Feb. 28 Treasurer's Office Open until 5:00

All payments must be in Treasurer's office by 5:00 pm Feb 28, 2013, post mark will not be accepted.

Microfiltration water plant. This plant will be using raw water from the Saginaw/Midland system instead of the Saginaw Bay. This should improve water quality and result in less chemicals being used to treat the water. This plant needs to be online by the year 2015, as that is when our Contract with Bay City expires, and they told us



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.



WATER PLANT cont'd

to find another source of drinking water. The plant will be run by the Dept of Water and Sewer and overlooked by the road commission. The contract is being drafted and needs to be in place by Jan. 1, 2013.

We have applied for funding with the state Drinking Water Revolving Fund and have received a \$12 Million low interest loan. The project has enough Green elements in it that

we qualify for a \$6 Million forgiveness on the loan so we would only have to repay \$6 Million.

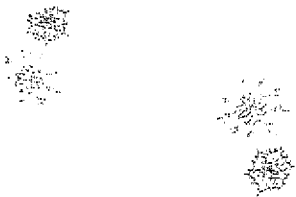
Check out the Township website (www.kawkawlintwp.org) for further updates or you are always welcome at our Township meetings to discuss any problems.

I hope everyone that hunts has a successful hunting season and Happy Holidays.



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

I want to Thank everyone that voted, we had a 75% turn-out. Other than for one machine not wanting to accept the ballots, everything seemed to go smoothly, thank you for your patience and understanding.

We had several people who could not vote here in Kawkawlin Township, because they were registered elsewhere. If you are not sure if you are registered here, please contact me and we can find out.

Or you can go to Michigan.gov/vote.

Also, we are in need of election inspectors. Anyone interested please call the Township office at 686-8710.

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 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 resi-

dence. 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. The crews are finishing there inspection of the residential parcels as required. You will receive a

copy of your updated record card in the mail sometime in January or February. Please review the cards for accuracy and call our Assessor, Joan Fackler, at 989-843-6000 with any discrepancies or concerns. She will be scheduling meetings to review the information with you as needed. She is at the Township Office on Mondays from 8:30—4:30. She is available at her home office at (989) 843-6000 during normal business hours Tuesday - Friday.



YARD WASTE

Just a reminder, last day for yard waste pick-up will be Nov 29 & 30.

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 snow, weeds and debris.

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.

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.

Wood Stoves—

Remember to have the chimney's cleaned out before it starts getting to cool outside. It's a good idea to have them inspected before fall or winter.

INTERESTED IN BEING A FIREFIGHTER?



You must be at least 18 yrs of age and a high school graduate or pos-

sess 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.

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.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated!

Yard waste pick-up will end 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

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.

FACT:
Kawkawlin Township was organized on January 7, 1868, making this year our 144th Anniversary as a Michigan Township.



KAWKAWLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

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

Merry Christmas ~ Happy New Year!



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