

KAWKAWLIN TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

FALL/WINTER 2016

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Office Hours

Mon - Wed 8:00 - 12:00, 1:00 - 5:00

Thur 9:00 - 12:00, 1:00 - 4:00

CLOSED FRIDAY

FROM THE SUPERVISOR

Hours: Monday - Wednesday 8:00 - 12:00, 1:00 - 5:00



Hi Everyone,

Don't forget to exercise your right to vote on Nov. 8th.

You may have noticed a lot of activity going on around the Township. We are replacing the drives at the Township complex.

Many roads were chip and sealed. We are able to do a little more **THANKS** to the road millage.

We are applying for a DNR grant to refurbish Scenic

Park, looking into putting in a walking trail around the Township park and through the wooded area and possibly putting a canoe/kayak launch area on the old dump property at the corner of River and Bond roads.

The Township will be celebrating its 150th year on Jan. 7, 2018 and we would like to have a celebration.

Please contact the office if you would like to get involved in any of these projects.

Burn Pile

The burn pile at the Twp. Park is for brush only, branches 2" or less in diameter. **NO** leaves, building material or stumps. Someone has put rail road ties and yard waste bags on the pile. If you see this happening, please notify the office at 686-8710.

If this continues we will have to stop this service. Please help police this area.

Thank You

OFFICE CLOSED

- Nov 24 Thanksgiving Day
- Jan 16 Martin Luther King Day
- Feb 20 Presidents Day
- May 29 Memorial Day

BAY COUNTY DEPT. OF WATER & SEWER

The Bay County Department of Water & Sewer went live on a new billing system at the beginning of September. The next quarterly water/sewer bill you receive will not be on a postcard form, but rather a standard size 8 1/2" by 11" bill mailed in a white envelope.

Along with the new billing system is a new customer payment website which can be accessed by a link from <http://www.baycodws.org> or directly at <https://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/baycountywatersewer>

The customer payment website is open 24/7/365, and payments can be made with a Credit or Debit card (Visa/MasterCard/Discover/American Express) with no additional fee charged! You can also view your billing and water usage history on the website. An easy registration process will allow you to utilize all of its features. All you need is your account number and the amount of your last payment. If you have any questions or need assistance please call 989-684-3883.

Office hours remain Monday through Friday from 7:30am to 4:30pm at the Patterson Road Administration Office. Payment options at the counter are cash, check, and now also Credit/Debit cards with no additional fee! Payments can also be made by mailing a check (with the bill payment stub included) to the Administration Office at 3933 Patterson Rd, Bay City, MI 48706.

FROM THE TREASURER

Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 - 12:00, 1:00 - 4:00

Winter tax bills are due and payable Dec. 1 - Feb. 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 December 13, 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 self-addressed, stamped envelope. We accept cash, check or money order. We do not accept credit cards. Any tax bill not paid by Feb. 14, 2017 will have a 3% penalty added and on March 1, 2017 all unpaid real property taxes will

be turned over to the Bay County Treasurer for collection. 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 online at Michigan.gov.

If you are buying or selling a home, you need to fill out a Principal Residence Exemption Affidavit (form 2368) to claim homestead on your new home, a Request to Rescind Homeowner's Principal Residence Exemption (form 2602) on the home you're selling and a Property Transfer Affidavit (form 2766) so we can make sure we have the new owners name on the property.

And, remember, you can not claim homestead on a rental unit.

If you have any questions, you can call the office (989) 686-8710 .



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.



YARD WASTE

Last day for yard waste pick-up is November 25 & 26

FROM THE ASSESSOR

Hours: Monday 9:00 - 12:00, 1:00 - 4:00

Another tax season is here. When you receive your assessment notice the end of February, please check it immediately for any errors. If you have any questions or concerns, 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. 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, or Personal Property Exemption this needs to be done annually.

If you have any questions or concerns please call me at (989) 686-8710 or go to www.michiganassessor.org.

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



FROM THE CLERK:

Hours: Tuesday - Thursday 8:00 - 12:00, 1:00 - 5:00

We will be getting a new Drop Box. It will still be located just outside the door and will be mounted on the wall to the right of the door. We hope to have it up by the end of November.



Don't Forget
To Vote
November 8th



FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Hours: Monday - Saturday 9:00 - 5:00

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 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, debris and snow.

SMOKE/CO DETECTORS

Please remember to change the batteries in your smoke detectors twice a year. An easy way to remember: change your clocks, change your batteries.

Also, check the expiration date on your Carbon Monoxide monitors. It's best to replace them on or a little before the expiration date.

WINTER SAFETY

Heating is the second leading cause of home fires. Home fires occur more in winter than in any other season. Be safe when heating with space heaters, wood stoves and fireplaces. Have a qualified professional clean

and inspect your chimney and vents every year.

****INTERESTED IN BEING A FIREFIGHTER?***

You must be at least 18 years 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 at 686-8710.



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 and view the

The recycle guide located under Residents Information/Recycle Yard Waste Schedule or we have handouts here in the office..

Yard waste pickup will end November 25 & 26.

The average person generates over 4 lbs of trash everyday and about 1.5 tons of solid waste per year. The EPA estimates that 75% of the American waste stream is recyclable, but we only recycle about 30% of it.



BAY COUNTY DIVISION ON AGING

The Bay County Division on Aging offers a multi-faceted amount of opportunities for adults 60 years and older. We believe in the opportunity to Age Well and enjoy a quality of life. The Kawkawlin Township Activity Center is available for fun, fellowship, socialization and a noon meal. Come and enjoy the activities, choice of entrée, salad or sandwich of the week. If you cannot get there, no problem, we offer transportation to and from our location for a very reasonable cost. Meals are offered on a donation basis and activities are available for free or a minimal cost. Be a part of a growing trend, take care of you, get involved, live life to the fullest and by all means enjoy every day. The Kawkawlin site is open Wednesday's and Thursday's from 8:30 - 1:00 p.m. Call Marla, Kawkawlin Site Manager for more details at 686-5127. We are currently planning a day trip to Bronner's Winter Wonderland and holiday gatherings. Come and check us out. Looking forward in meeting new friends and getting reacquainted with old ones.

KAWKAWLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

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

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS 7:00 p.m.

June 2, 2016	July - No Meeting
August 4, 2016	September 1, 2016
October 6, 2016	November 3, 2016
December 1, 2016	January 5, 2017
February 2, 2017	March 2, 2017

BOARD MEETINGS

Nov 7	7:00 pm	Nov 22	4:00 pm
Dec 12	7:00 pm	Dec 27	4:00 pm
Jan 9	7:00 pm	Jan 24	4:00 pm
Feb 13	7:00 pm	Feb 28	4:00 pm
Mar 13	7:00 pm	Mar 28	4:00 pm