

# KAWKAWLIN TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

## Winter 2009

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### WINTER 2009 TAX NOTICE

Winter tax bills will be mailed out on December 1, 2009 and are due on February 16, 2010. Please call the Kawkawlin Township Office at 686-8710 if you do not receive your bill. If you *pay by mail* or use the drop box and would like a **"paid receipt", you must enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope..** Taxes cannot be paid by credit card. There will be a 3% penalty on all unpaid bills from February 17-28 and an additional 1% interest every month there after. As of March 1, all unpaid bills (except personal property) will be sent to the Bay County Treasurers office.

On the summer tax bill there was an error with the acreage. This error should be corrected on your winter bill, but just a reminder to please check your tax bill for your correct name, address, acreage, homestead, etc. and contact the Township Office as soon as possible for any items that need to be addressed.

### PROPERTY TAX QUESTIONS

*Another tax season is here starting on December 1, 2009.*  
**When you get your tax bill, please, check it immediately** for any errors. Clerical/Assessment issues can be addressed 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 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 purchase a new home you need to fill out a homestead exemption form to make sure you get homestead on your tax bill. This form needs to be filled out in order to qualify for the following year.

If you have a question about anything, please call Tom Boetefuer, our Assessor at 686-8710.

### A NOTE FROM UNITED WAY.

Low-Income individuals *and families* (below \$43,000 annually), *senior citizens, and persons with disabilities:* Contact the United Way office at 989-893-7508 x 19 for FREE tax filing and assistance beginning January 18, 2010.

### A NOTE FROM THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

This is a reminder that the sales of used vehicles are only allowed on the property the vehicle is registered to. Sales of other vehicles are not allowed on private property *in Kawkawlin Township without a used dealers license.*

### A NOTE FROM THE SUPERVISOR

*The DEQ is in the process of finalizing the new flood plain maps. Some parcels are being added and some parcels are being removed. The new maps and information is available at the Township Office for reviewing. Please come in and check if you have any doubt whether you are in the flood plain or not. If you need flood insurance you can get it at the current rate and be grandfathered in after the new maps and rates take effect.*

We hope to have our new website up and running by spring 2010. If so, this will be the last newsletter you will receive in the mail. They will then be posted on the website. If you do not have access to a computer or the internet and would still like to receive a copy in the mail, please call the Township Office (686-8710) to put your name on a mailing list.

Township Office.

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 it will not get picked up until the next scheduled date. Yard waste collection ends the last week of November: If you would like a new schedule you may come into the office to pick one up after the first of the year.

### Recycle/Compost Schedule 2009

November 5, 6, 19 & 20 Compost

November 12, 13, 27, 28 Recycle

December 10, 11, 24 & 26 Recycle

**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.**

### RECYCLING FACTS

Recycling 1 ton of paper saves 17 mature trees, 7,000 gallons of water, 3 cubic yards of landfill space, 2 barrels of oil, and 4,100 kilowatt-hours of electricity enough energy to power the average American home for 5 months.

Recycling aluminum saves 95% of the energy used to make the material from scratch. That means you can make 20 cans out of recycled material with the same amount of energy it takes to make one can out of new material. Energy savings in 1993 alone were enough to light a city the size of Pittsburgh for 6 years.

The 36 billion aluminum cans landfilled last year had a scrap value of more than \$600 million. (Some day we'll be mining our landfills for the resources we've buried.)

"I am only one; but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but I still can do something; I will not refuse to do the something I can do."

- Helen Keller

## OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT

Hours: Monday - Saturday 9 - 12 & 1 - 5

### Burn Permits

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 fire fighter 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 weeds and debris.

### Smoke Alarms

Please remember to test your alarm monthly and change the batteries in your smoke alarm at least once a year.

### Escape Plan

More than 4,000 Americans die each year in fires and 20,000 are injured. Time is the biggest enemy and every second counts. Make sure your home has a sound fire escape plan.

## PARKS & RECREATION

We would like to Thank the Blohm family for donating our new flag pole in honor of their son Alan.

## HEAVENLY REST CEMETERY

In following the cemetery ordinance only 1 candle and 1 potted plant will be allowed per grave site effective this spring.

Just a reminder, all winter decorations must be removed from the sites as of March 15th.