



KAWKAWLIN TOWNSHIP

NEWSLETTER

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SUMMER 2025

SUPERVISOR BRAD EDDY

As we are halfway into the first year as your Township Supervisor, I want to take this moment to let the community know I am honored to serve. My goal is to work hard on behalf of all residents—supporting responsible growth, maintaining essential services, and ensuring that your voice be heard in every decision we make.

I believe in transparent leadership, open communication, and putting community needs first. I look forward to listening, learning, and leading together as we move our township forward. The team that has been elected and assembled is something that I am very proud of as trust, integrity, and American Pride, reside in the hearts and minds of all of our staff.

I am very proud of the community for electing this TEAM, who are making the changes needed to accomplish greatness for the residents of Kawkawlin.

TREASURER LAURIE DESHANO

It has been a privilege to serve as your Treasurer and work toward revitalizing our community! While there has been a learning curve as the new elected officials have acclimated to their offices, this has also been an exciting time of needed changes and improvements for the residents of Kawkawlin Township. We are excited to serve Kawkawlin!

The Treasurer's Office is bringing changes to add convenience for tax payments and other fees. Beginning with this tax season, residents can pay taxes online through our website using e-checks or credit cards (fees apply). We will also be accepting card payments in the office for your convenience. For those who prefer, a dedicated phone number is also available for tax payments by phone using e-check or credit card.

Please carefully review your tax bill for tax payment deadlines (also listed on page 3 of this newsletter), detailed online payment information, and requested contact information so that we can contact you should any issues arise with your payment.

TRUSTEES CAMPBELL & WHALEN

Heavenly Rest Cemetery has had many changes in recent years including a new Sexton, expansion, and record audits. Most recently, the Chapel has been extensively renovated and an Open House will be announced in the near future. As cremations increase, a columbarium will soon be added to give residents more options.

Your trustees are thrilled to serve the amazing people of our community and strive to improve Kawkawlin—it's a wonderful place to live!

CLERK KAYLA SCHLANDERER

I would like to introduce myself as your new Kawkawlin Township Clerk. I am honored to step into the role of Clerk and serve our community with integrity and transparency.

I am committed to keeping things running smoothly for Kawkawlin Township. Whether it's managing records, supporting local meetings, or helping residents with vital services, I am here to help and listen.

I am looking forward to meeting more of you and working together to keep our community strong and connected.

Next Regular Board Meeting

Monday, July 14th, 6:30 PM

FROM YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT

As many of you know, Chief Jim Burke retired September 1, 2024 after serving the township and its residents for 46 years—18 years as your Fire Chief. Congratulations and thanks to Jim for his friendship, leadership, and service.

Our new engine arrived in January and was placed in service shortly thereafter. We were also thrilled to add new windows to the fire station doors. Stay tuned for more updates and improvements to your fire department!

If you, or anyone you know, needs smoke detectors installed, please contact the fire station and we can schedule a time to get them installed for you.

Please remember that burn permits are required to burn any yard waste or debris in the township. Permits can be obtained by stopping by or calling the fire station (989-686-1120 - Non-emergency line).

As most of you may know, the fire department millage could not be collected in 2024 due to an issue with the wording. The township board is working on a solution so please stay tuned for more information.

Thank you to our township residents for your continued support. Please stop by anytime to see your trucks and firefighters!

- Chief Steve Bernreuter



ZONING ADMINISTRATOR STEVE GRAY

As your new Zoning Administrator, I encourage you to reach out to me with any upcoming projects including home additions, garages, pole barns, and fences. We inherited 52 FEMA violations from the previous administrations. We have over half of those rectified and I am working hard to not have any more of those situations.

I am also working on zoning violation complaints. Letters are going out and visits are being made. Blight is a real issue in Kawkawlin Township with many long-standing blight issues. I intend to get to the bottom of these issues as painlessly as possible.

You can reach me by phone or email:

Office: (989) 686-8710

Cell: (989) 459-8585

Email:
zoning@kawkawlintwp.org

BUILDING INSPECTOR JAY GUSTIN

We're excited to welcome Jay as the new part-time Building Inspector. Jay brings more than 30 years of experience, with the past six years as a licensed Building Inspector/Official. His deep knowledge and passion for the trades make him a valuable asset to our community!

Jay approaches inspections with a builder's mindset, aiming to work collaboratively with both contractors and homeowners. His goal is to ensure that projects are not only up to code but also grounded in practical, common-sense solutions, understanding that no two projects are exactly alike.

Please note: this is a part-time position. Jay may not always be immediately available. We kindly ask that you plan ahead and allow adequate time when scheduling inspections.

We are thrilled to have Jay on board and look forward to expertise and professionalism he brings to the role!

Office: (989) 686-8710

Cell: (989) 798-6737

Email:
building@kawkawlintwp.org

ASSESSOR DAVE MCARTHUR

I am the owner and operator of Mac Assessing Services, LLC, who has contracted with Kawkawlin Township to provide assessing services. I have been an assessor for nine years and am certified as a Michigan Advanced Assessing Officer (Level 3). My goal is to assess each parcel in Kawkawlin Township fairly and accurately while providing good customer service to the residents.

I am scheduled to be in the office on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, however, you can reach me at other times using the contact information below. I will do my best to respond to your call within 48 hours, or if you prefer, you can contact me at the email listed below.

Office: (989) 686-8710

Cell: (989) 553-2789

Email:
macassessing@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOW SHOWING

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Bring your chairs and join us for a brand new event!

**A MOVIE IN
KAWKAWLIN PARK!**

July 31st, Movie at Sunset
Festivities begin at 8 PM

(Movie trailer is available on our website)

We'll have *Kona Ice* and
Sweet Treats on site!

*This family friendly event is FREE but
donations are appreciated*



EMBRACING AGING

JOIN US for
this informational
event to help you
navigate local
resources!



**October 18th
11:00 AM—3:00 PM
Kawkawlin Township Hall**

**FREE
BP clinic, snacks
& prizes**



**Come on out
for the
2nd
Annual**

**Kawkawlin Township
Tree Lighting**

December 4th at 6 PM

Bring the
kids to
see Santa!



**Have an
event idea?**

2026 event planning is
underway but we'd love
your help!
Contact the office if
you have ideas or
would like to be
involved!

**2025
Board Meetings
6:30 PM*
July 14th
Aug. 11th
Sept. 8th
Oct. 14th**
Nov. 10th
Dec. 8th**

*PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE

**Tuesday due to holiday

2025—2026 Important Tax Dates

September 15, 2025

Summer Tax Due
(Must be in office by close
of business)
Summer Deferments Due

September 16, 2025

Interest Begins to Accrue
on Unpaid Summer Tax

February 17, 2026

Winter Tax Due
(Must be in office by close
of business)

February 18, 2026

3% Penalty Applies on
Unpaid Taxes and Interest
Accrues

March 2, 2026

Final Day to Pay at office

THE BACKSTORY

A LOOK BACK



2024
Tree Lighting



2025
Egg Hunt



Missing trash day is the
adult version of
forgetting to do your homework.



DID YOU KNOW?

You can get an annual calendar of
trash and recycling dates
in the office or on the website so
you never have to wonder again!



Please visit our website for updated information
about Township happenings
at Kawkawlintwp.org
or follow us on Facebook @KawkawlinTownship



"The most daring thing is to create stable
communities in which the terrible disease of
loneliness can be cured."

- Kurt Vonnegut