



KAWKAWLIN TOWNSHIP

# NEWSLETTER

1836 E. Parish Rd., Kawkawlin, MI 48631 – (989) 686-8710

SPRING 2026

**Kawkawlin Township  
welcomes our new  
curbside trash company,  
GFL!**



## Frequently Asked Questions

Contact GFL  
with any questions  
(989) 753-7719

### **Why is this change occurring?**

Upon review of proposals for our 5-year contract renewal, it became obvious that staying with our previous provider would cost our residents significantly more each year for the full 5-year contract period. Trash pickup is 100% resident funded by special tax assessment.

### **When does the switch to GFL occur?**

GFL will begin curbside pickup the week of April 1, 2026.

### **Will we get new bins?**

Yes, every residence will get one new trash bin and one new recycling bin.

The new bins will be delivered the week of March 23, 2026.

A welcome letter and annual calendar will be attached to the new bins.

### **Will my pickup day change?**

No, your pickup day should remain the same. If any slight changes are necessary for efficiency, GFL will contact affected residents directly.

### **Can I get a second trash bin?**

Yes, you can get a second trash bin for a one-time charge of \$75 to GFL.

Please contact them directly with your request.

### **What do I do with my old bins?**

Please leave your old bins at the curb on your last trash day in March to be picked up by Republic Waste Services.

### **Will GFL service my commercial business?**

Commercial service is not offered in the township by ordinance.

Please contact GFL directly for a commercial container at your place of business.

**Kawkawlin Township is grateful to Republic Waste Services for the many years of service provided to our residents.**

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## 2026 Board of Review (BOR) Schedule

**Tuesday, March 3, 2026**

**Organizational Meeting - 9:30 AM**

**Monday, March 9, 2026\***

**9 AM to 12 PM & 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM**

**Monday, March 16, 2026\***

**2 PM to 5 PM & 6 PM to 9 PM**

**\*Please call the office  
for a scheduled time  
to meet with the BOR.**

**The Kawkawlin Township Assessor, Dave McArthur,  
can be reached at (989) 553-2789  
or by email at [macassessing@gmail.com](mailto:macassessing@gmail.com)**



## 2026 Egg Hunt

**April 4, 2026 2:00 PM**

**Kawkawlin Township Park Pavillion**



**2026 Board Meetings: 6:30 PM**

**March 9, March 23, April 13, May 11, June 8**



**Get your  
stack of books  
with the  
Bookmobile!**



**Thursdays:** Jan 15, Feb 5 & 26, Mar 19, Apr 9 & 30, May 21, Jun 11

12:00-1:00 pm

Kawkawlin Twp Hall

1800 E Parish Rd., Kawkawlin



## 2026 Election Dates

**May 5, 2026**

**35th Senate General Election**

**August 4, 2026**

**Gubernatorial Primary Election**

**November 3, 2026**

**Gubernatorial General Election**

**Polls are open from 7:00 AM—8:00 PM  
on election day at  
Kawkawlin Township Hall**

**Early voting in August and November at the  
Community Center**

**Questions about the elections?  
Contact the Township Clerk,  
Brian Waldee, at  
(989) 686-8710**





# GOOD TO KNOW

## Planning to build this year?

If you are planning to build this year, start the process early to allow enough time to address all requirements (site plans, variances, certificates, permits, inspections, etc.).

Please call the Kawkawlin Township Zoning Administrator at (989) 459-8585 to get started and review documents at [kawkawlintwp.org](http://kawkawlintwp.org) for more information.

### Requirements for Obtaining a Building Permit

#### Residential Structures

- ✓ Building Permit Application
- ✓ One (1) set of plans that include the following:
  - Foundation and floor plans
  - Roof and wall section
  - Building elevations
  - Dimensions
  - Site Plan

#### Commercial Structures (New or changing use of existing)

- ✓ Building Permit Application
- ✓ Plan Review by Planning Commission when applicable.
- ✓ One set of stamped engineered/architectural plans and a pdf copy emailed to [building@kawkawlintwp.org](mailto:building@kawkawlintwp.org)

#### Mobile and Pre-Manufactured Homes

- ✓ Building Permit Application
- ✓ Plans
- ✓ For Michigan approved pre-manufactured units; one (1) copy of the Building System Approval and the approved plans.

#### Completing the Application

Page 1: Complete all applicable sections. If the homeowner is doing the construction, enter "Homeowner" in the contractor information space. **CONTACT INFORMATION MUST BE PROVIDED.**

Page 2: Enter all applicable information.

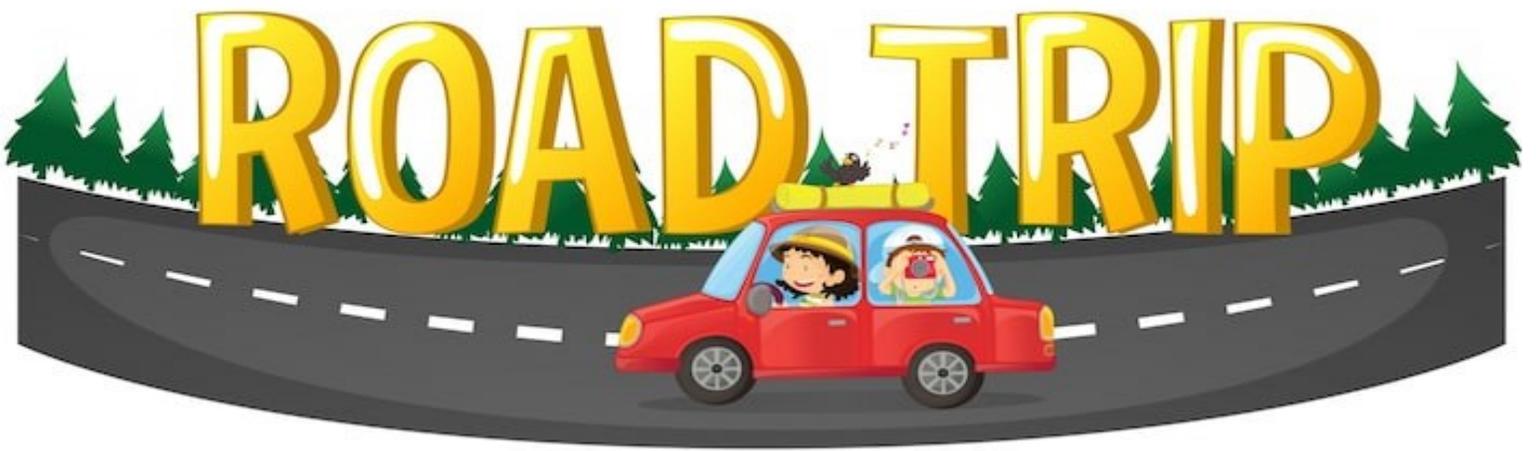
Page 3: Section VI must be completed and **SIGNED** by the permit applicant. Estimated Cost of Construction **MUST** be provided.

## Building Department Contact Info:

**Building Inspector: Jay Gustin (989) 798-6737**

**Plumbing/Mechanical Inspector: Tom Verellen (989) 246-4817**

**Electrical Inspector: Bill Rosenbrock (989) 737-6375**



**Take some time to explore our beautiful state this spring!**

**Some Local Festivals to Visit:**

**Frankenmuth**

**Zehnder's Ragtime & Jazz Festival - April 15-16, 2026**

**Bringing Back the 80's Festival - April 17-18, 2026**

**World Expo of Beer - May 15-16, 2026**

**Freeland**

**Freeland Walleye Festival - April 23-26, 2026**

**Shepherd**

**Shepherd Maple Syrup Festival - April 23-26, 2026**

**Clare**

**Taste of the Clare Area - May 2, 2026**

**Durand**

**Durand Railroad Days - May 14-17, 2026**

**Midland**

**Midland Antique Festival - May 30-31, 2026**



**Have a newsletter idea?**

**Contact the Treasurer to share your thoughts and continue to improve our community communications.**

**Please visit our website for updated information about Township happenings at [Kawkawlintwp.org](http://Kawkawlintwp.org) or follow us on Facebook @KawkawlinTownship**