

Boyne Valley Township Newsletter

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December 2016

BOARD OF REVIEW

There will be a special meeting of the Board of Review on Tuesday, December 13, 2016, from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Township Hall to correct clerical errors, PRE (Homestead) and Poverty exemptions.

Transfer Station

****REMEMBER**, all trash collected at our transfer station **MUST** be generated in Boyne Valley township. As a tax payer, it is of utmost importance that this rule is followed as your tax dollars fund this service. The township board lowered the levy for the transfer station in 2012 to 1/8 of a mill, lowering your payment to this fund. **DO NOT GIVE YOUR PASS TO ANYONE LIVING OUTSIDE OF BOYNE VALLEY TOWNSHIP.**

The recycle bins are available to all Charlevoix County residents.

Winter (Oct 1 – March 31) transfer station hours are:

Wednesday: 12:00pm – 5:00pm
Saturday: 7:00am – 2:00pm

Payment of taxes can be sent to the Treasurer's Office at PO Box 191, Boyne Falls, MI 49713. REMINDER: if you want a receipt please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Otherwise, if you wish to pay in person any other time, township hall is open Tuesday through Thursday 10:00am until 3:00pm. The treasurer will be available at the township hall December 28, 2016 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

The drop box is available in our vestibule at all times.

All payments must be made in person or postmarked by February 14, 2017.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Boyne Valley Township's Fire and Ambulance Departments are in need of volunteers. In order to have the station manned 24/7 as was planned, we need additional trained personnel. Please contact us at the township hall, 549-3130 or Sarah Towne at 231-409-2026, or the Fire & Ambulance Station at 231-549-2000 if you are interested.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

SUPERVISOR, SUE HOBBS	231 549-3130
CLERK, LYNN SPARKS	231 549-3436
TREASURER, MARIE KELENSKE	231 549-3130
TRUSTEE, RANDY MATELSKI	231 549-2249
TRUSTEE, BERNIE KONDRAT	231 549-2576
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR, SUE HOBBS	231 549-3130
FIRE CHIEF, TOM TOWNE	231-549-2000
ASST. FIRE CHIEF, JIM MATELSKI	231 549-2000
AMBULANCE COORD. SARAH TOWNE	231-549-1131
CEMETERY SEXTON, DAVID GILLESPIE	231 549-3070
ASSESSOR, KEVIN KELLER	231-818-0006

On-line Tax Information

On Line Tax Bills can be found by going to the website: www.boynevalleytwp.org. From the menu on the left side, select Township Treasurer, then select Property Tax Inquiry; you will be directed to the site where you can create a free account. From this site, you can review and print your property tax bills and receipts free of charge from 2006 through the current tax year.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Township Office will be **CLOSED**
Dec 23-27, 2016
and
Dec 30, 2016 – Jan 2, 2017

The office will be open for tax collection on Tuesday, December 29, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Office will resume **NORMAL** office hours on Tuesday, January 3, 2017

MEETINGS

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
SECOND MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:00P.M.
PLANNING COMMISSION
FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:00P.M.

Supervisor's Report

LUCAS MACHINE FOR AMBULANCE DEPT.

At the request of Boyne Valley Ambulance Personnel, the Township Board recently approved the expenditure of \$17,000 to purchase a LUCAS machine. Along with our excellent Ambulance team, this machine will save lives in our Township.

In order to be able to save the lives of sudden cardiac arrest patients and avoid neurological damage, a steady supply of oxygen to the heart and brain is necessitated. Life-sustaining circulation can be created through effective and uninterrupted chest compressions. Performing manual chest compressions of high quality is both difficult and tiring, and impossible in certain situations. The quality varies depending on who provides CPR and deteriorates quickly after only one, two minutes. The LUCAS™ Chest Compression System is a safe and efficient tool that standardizes chest compressions. It provides the same quality for all patients and over time, independent of transport conditions, rescuer fatigue, or variability in the experience level of the caregiver. By doing this, it frees up rescuers to focus on other life-saving tasks and creates new rescue opportunities. Experimental studies show that the mechanically controlled LUCAS™ compressions are able to sustain a higher blood flow to the brain and heart compared to manual compressions.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY PARKS GRANT

The Township applied for, and received a County Parks grant to resurface the basketball courts next to the Library and install two new baskets and benches. The Grant award for this project was \$9,678.73

This winter we are planning to provide an ice skating rink. It has been several years since this activity was available to residents and most of those that were kids back then have great memories of skating. The key to building and maintaining the rink will be getting volunteers to help with this work. This would be a great family activity.

ROADS

The Board has been using the Charlevoix County Road Commission's rating of Township roads to determine which will be improved. This past construction season Crozier Road was upgraded with a wedge and overlay paving. The Township Board will be looking closely at the budget to determine whether it will be possible to continue using fund balance to improve roads in the Township next year.

Lastly, the township board would like to thank you for your continued support. Our township operational millage and ambulance millage passed by a vast margin.

COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING SERVICES

Charlevoix County Commission on Aging serves the Seniors (60 and over) of Charlevoix County with the Home Delivered Meal program for our homebound seniors, Congregate meal sites, better known as our Senior Centers, which have ongoing activities such as Wii bowling and games, card games, exercise opportunities, crafting, woodworking and so much more. The Centers are located in Boyne City, East Jordan as well as Charlevoix and offer a noon meal. May through August we have Wednesday night meals that are very well attended, dinner served from 5-6. We also offer In-home Services such as homemaking, personal care and respite care. We have Foot Clinics at the three centers as well as provide in-home foot care for those that qualify. We are available to help seniors of Charlevoix County with finding resources for needs they may have, MMAP counselors are available, emergency funds for various needs and on. The Commission on Aging also provides transit rides using Charlevoix County Transit at no cost to the seniors through our "Seniors Ride Free Program" this allows any senior in Charlevoix County to ride the transit anywhere within Charlevoix County at no cost to them, including on Beaver Island. We have a "Dining Out" program on Beaver Island as well as the Home Delivered Meal program and Special Sunday Dinners September through May. We are very proud and happy to serve the seniors of Charlevoix County in the best way possible so please give our office a call at 231-237-0103 and allow our staff to see how they can assist you.