

Chippewa Township
Mecosta County, Michigan
2017 Winter Newsletter

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Emergency Service: 911

Animal Control: 911

Burn Permits: (866) 922-2876 or www.michigan.gov/burnpermit

Township Board meets 1st Wednesday of each month @ 6:30 pm, in the Fire Station

Fire Board meets the 3rd Monday of each month @ 6:30 pm, in the Fire Station

TOWNSHIP OFFICE HOURS ARE MONDAY THRU THURSDAY 9am TO 4pm UNLESS OTHERWISE POSTED

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – 2017 WINTER TAX INFORMATION

2017 Winter Tax Bills are due on or before 2/14/2018. POSTMARKS will **NOT** be accepted. On 2-15-2018 late penalties will apply. **DELINQUENT** 2017 Summer Taxes are **NOT** reflected on the 2017 winter tax bills. On March 1, 2018 all unpaid taxes are TURNED OVER DELINQUENT and become payable to the Mecosta County Treasurers Office at 400 Elm St. Big Rapids, MI 49307, (231) 592-0169 & are subject to additional penalties. **IF YOUR TAXES ARE ESCROWED, A COPY OF THE 2017 WINTER TAX BILL HAS BEEN SENT TO YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY. BY LAW, THE ORIGINAL BILL MUST BE SENT TO THE PROPERTY OWNER (MCL 221.11(1)).**

Mail your payments to: Chippewa Township Treasurer, P.O. Box 26, Chippewa Lake, MI 49320.

Make Remittance Payable to: Chippewa Township Treasurer. A secure mail drop box is located just to the right of the Chippewa Township Hall's main entrance. A self-addressed stamped envelope is requested for the return of your paid receipt. If making payment in 'cash' please have the exact amount. ***The Township does NOT accept credit/debit card payments.***
TREASURER/CLERK OFFICE HOURS (UNLESS POSTED) Monday thru Thursday from 9 am to 4 pm. The Treasurer's Office will be closed December 21st – December 25th and December 27th thru January 2nd. Treasurer's email: julie@Chippewatwp.org

*******EXTREMELY IMPORTANT*******

Make sure you carefully check the enclosed Tax Statement(s). If you find an error you need to contact the Treasurer ***immediately*** to have the statement corrected at the December 12, 2017 Board of Review. Upon the adjournment of the 2017 December Board of Review, corrections cannot be made, to the 2017 Tax Roll, until the 2018 July Board of Review. The December Board of Review is for ***“Qualified Errors & Poverty Appeals ONLY.*** The 2017 taxes are assessed to a property as it existed on **12-31-2016 (MCL211.2)**. If a property is sold during the 2017 tax year, it is the responsibility of the buyer & seller or their agents to prorate the whole tax year obligation. **ALL address changes need to be submitted in writing.** If ownership has changed, documentation supporting the change must be submitted. **Failure to receive the property tax notice does NOT prejudice the right to collect or enforce the payment and or penalties, of the payment of the property tax.**

DISABLED VETERANS EXEMPTION: Honorably discharge veterans with a **100% disabled veteran classification** or their surviving unmarried spouse, may be eligible for exemption from real property tax, for property that is used & owned as their principle residence. Forms can be downloaded, on the Township's website (www.Chippewatwp.org), by clicking on the "Forms" tab or by contacting the Chippewa Township Hall @ 231-867-3777 or email Julie@chippewatwp.org. ***You must file for the Veterans Exemption each year to qualify!***

DOG LICENSE: ***Chippewa Township is no longer selling Mecosta County Dog License.*** Mecosta County Dog License are available at the Mecosta County Treasurer's Office – 400 Elm Street, Big Rapids, Michigan or through your local veterinarian. (1) Year and (3) Year licenses are available depending on the expiration date of the rabies vaccination. ***COST:*** Male & Female – (1) year \$8 or (3) year \$20. Unsexed – (1) year \$4 or (3) year \$10. ***You must have a current rabies vaccination certificate to obtain a dog license. The certificate must include dogs name, age, breed, rabies vaccination tag number and the veterinarian or clinic that administered the vaccination.***

PetVet Vaccine Clinics now at Tractor Supply Store: 754 Perry St. Big Rapids, MI

Clinic times: This year they are offering 5 clinics starting on Sunday, December 3rd and the last one on Sunday, February 25th. All clinics are from 1:30 pm – 3 pm. You can find more information at <https://petvet.vippetcare.com/find-a-clinic/>.

CHIPPEWA-MARTINY FUNERAL DINNER COMMITTEE: As many of you know, our area is blessed with a committee of caring individuals that provide funeral luncheons, for local Chippewa Township and Martiny Township funerals. The Committee Director is Carol Lintemuth. At this time, we would like to extend our appreciation to Carol, all the Committee Members and all the individuals that are called upon (usually with very little notice) to pull together and provide this service to grieving families in our community. You are all true Blessings. Volunteers are always needed for both the "dishes" to pass and the help to serve at the luncheons. If you are willing to help this great committee, please contact Chippewa Township with your name, phone number, and address. This information will be given to Carol, for future funeral luncheons. Without continued volunteer support, it is unknown how much longer this service will be provided.



MICHIGAN LAW ENFORCEMENT
POLAR PLUNGE

FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS MICHIGAN

Chippewa Lake-Mecosta/Osceola Counties Polar Plunge

Saturday, February 24, 2018

Benefiting SPECIAL OLYMPICS MICHIGAN INC

Location

East Bay General Store
19961 East Chippewa Lake Drive
Chippewa Lake, MI

Contact

Pat Rosales
231-527-5238
area05@somi.org

The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic type sports for all children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Athletes are given continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness and athletic skill, demonstrate co...

The Chippewa Lake - Mecosta/Osceola County Polar Plunge takes place Feb. 24, 2018 at Chippewa Lake. Registration starts at 11:00 at the East Bay General Store, 19961 East Chippewa Lake Drive, Chippewa Lake. The parade of costumes and plunge will start at 12:30 p.m. at the Chippewa Lake Public Access on East Chippewa Drive between 20 mile road and 21 mile road. The After Splash Bash will take place immediately following at the Chippewa Township Community Building, 10467 19 Mile Road, Rodney MI 49342.

By participating in a Polar Plunge you are helping to raise funds for over 23,000 athletes who participate in Special Olympics Michigan. Special Olympics Michigan is a year round program offering sports for those with intellectual disabilities. Although sports are the "vehicle," the ultimate goal of Special Olympics is to help persons with intellectual disabilities participate and receive respect as members of their communities.

SENIOR NEWS: If you haven't checked out "THE KEYHOLE", Mecosta County Monthly Senior Newsletter, you can do so, online at <http://www.co.mecosta.mi.us/seniorservices.html> or on Facebook: Mecostacountyseniorcenter.

The newsletter is a very informative booklet and includes a calendar of activities, for the Mecosta County Senior Center.

The following are examples of programs the Senior Center offers:

- Nutritious Meals - Enhance Fitness™ Classes - Line Dancing - Computer Classes - Card Recycling
- Art Classes - Card Games - Harmonica Classes - A Matter of Balance - Health Clinics - Gift Shop
- Conference Rooms - Game Room/Wii Games - Dining Area - Picnic Area - Bingo - Library - Pasties (Take Out)
- Low Vision Support Group

Each weekday, a nutritious, home-cooked meal is served by experienced cooks at the Mecosta County Senior Center, offering the perfect opportunity for seniors to meet with friends, participate in activities and enjoy a delicious meal. Dine in

FIREWORKS: The 2018 Chippewa Lake Fireworks Display is scheduled for July 7, 2018. If you have any questions please contact Travis Palmer at 231-349-0869.

LIBRARY NEWS: The Barryton Public Library is making a few changes at the Chippewa Branch.

Beginning January 2, you will need a library card to borrow books, audio books, and DVDs.

If you already have a library card from the Chippewa Branch or Barryton Public Library, then you're all set. If you don't have a card, relax - it's easy and free! Stop in and see one of our friendly librarians. We have books, audio books, DVDs, computers and WIFI. We also fax and make copies!

Remember our WIFI is always on even when the library is closed. Look for Barryton Library at Chippewa on your list of available networks when you are at or near the library. User Name – ALL (No Password needed).

Librarians are on duty Tuesday 12 noon-5pm; Thursday 10am-5pm; Friday 11am-6pm; Saturday 9am-1pm
You will still be able to use the Library when the Township Offices are open on Monday and Wednesday.

Barryton Public Library Main Branch - 198 Northern Ave Barryton, MI 49305 Phone: 989-382-5288

THE COMMUNITY BUILDING: The good news is the new Community Building is slated to be completed mid to late December. Once the Township Board got through all of the insurance paperwork, architect drawings and then actual building costs (versus the estimates) we were unable to move the Township Offices to the new building. However, the building has been built with future expansion in mind. The new building will be used for Board Meetings Elections, Local Organization Meetings and events, along with being available as a rental venue. Stay Tuned – The Board is planning on hosting a "Community Open House" so everyone can tour the new facility. More information to come.

TOWNSHIP WEBSITE: chippewatwp.org

As always, please feel free to stop and visit with the township officials at the office or call them if you have any questions, suggestions or comments.

The Township Board would like to Thank Ilene Stein for her many years of service as Election Official, Deputy Clerk, Clerk, and Trustee. Enjoy Retirement Ilene!!

We would like to end by wishing you all a blessed and happy Holiday Season. May the world find more moments as expressed in this verse by Elizabeth Goudge:

"The whole universe was stilled, as if listening, for a voice. For the space of one heartbeat there was peace on earth. For one fraction of a moment there was no deed of violence wrought on earth, no hatred, no fire, no whirlwind, no pain, no fear. Existence rested against the heart of God, then sighed and journeyed on again."

The Chippewa Township Board