

Township Offices and  
Official's Information

Chippewa Township Offices  
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Supervisor Office hours are  
Monday-Wednesdays from 8:30  
a.m. – 4p.m.

Treasurer/Clerk's Office hours are  
Monday-Thursday from 9:00a.m. –  
4:00p.m.

**Township Board meets the 1<sup>st</sup>  
Wednesday of each month @  
6:30 pm, at the Chippewa  
Township Community Center**

Fire Board meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday  
of each month @ 6:30 pm, in the  
Chippewa-Martiny Fire Station

**IMPORTANT NUMBERS:**

**Chip. Lk. Sewer Dept.**

231-867-3616

**Emergency Service: 911**

**Animal Control: 911**

**Burn Permits: (866) 922-2876 or**

[www.michigan.gov/burnpermit](http://www.michigan.gov/burnpermit)

Chippewa Branch Library

231.867.2014

**Hours:**

Tuesday Noon-5 p.m.

Thursday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Friday 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

(The library is open whenever the  
Township officers are in the building)

**Chippewa Township**

Mecosta County, Michigan

Spring 2018 Newsletter

*After much anticipation, we are happy to announce that the Chippewa Township Community Center is complete! We will be having an open house/pancake breakfast on June 2, 2018. Please see the enclosed flyer for more information. If you are interested in renting the Community Center for a wedding reception, baby/bridal shower, birthday party, family reunion, graduation open house, etc. Please contact Kristin Lytle @ 231-867-3991. 2018 Dates are filling up quickly.*



The State Primary Election is August 7, 2018 & The State General Election is November 6, 2018. Voters will have their first chance to use the new voting equipment. Please remember that the polling place has changed; **voting will be held at the Chippewa Township Community Center located at 10467 19 Mile Road.**

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Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart! Chippewa Days will be held on Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. There will be a classic car show at Millett Park, a Parade down Dwight Street, Chicken BBQ, at the Chippewa Township Community Center, along with kid's games. Additional activities are being planned. Many hands make light work, if you'd like to volunteer please contact the Chippewa Township Office.

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**Spring 2018 Non-Hazardous Household Clean-Up Day:** Mark your calendars! The Chippewa Township Spring Clean-Up day will be **Saturday, June 16, 2018 from 8 A.M.-11 A.M. or until dumpsters are full.** The location is the Chippewa Township Community Center located at 10467 19 Mile Road. **Please remember that all loose trash must be put into trash bags, large items must be in a manageable size, and please have help to unload. Do to past problems, each property owner is limited to (1) pickup and (1) trailer load.** This service is provided, free of charge, to the property owners & residents of Chippewa Township only!  
**NO EARLY DROP OFFS!**

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The Mecosta County Boaters Safety Class will be held on Sunday April 29, 2018@ the Barryton Conservation Club from 10 A.M.-4 P.M. For more information, please contact the Barryton Public Library 989-382-5288  
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Chippewa Township would like to welcome Amy Richards and Andrea Roberts as the new Chippewa Township Assessor team... We feel that Amy and Andrea will be a welcome addition to our township. Office hours have yet to be determined however, you may email the Assessor Team at [assessor@chippewatwp.org](mailto:assessor@chippewatwp.org) or call them at 616-232-8878.

### CHIPPEWA LAKE COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS:

The Chippewa Lake Community Church will be hosting Vacation Bible School from 9 – 11 a.m., the week of July 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>. If you'd like more information, please feel free to contact Cheryl Nellis @ 867-5678. A big Thank You to Cheryl for organizing this event!

#### **SPREAD THE WORD! NEW MOBILE FOOD TRUCK – CHIPPEWA LAKE COMMUNITY CHURCH FOOD TRUCK**

Dates: May 24<sup>th</sup>, June 28<sup>th</sup>, & July 26<sup>th</sup> Location: The Chippewa Township Community Center

The Chippewa Lake Community Church is working with Feed America West Michigan and will be providing fresh produce to 100 families at the listed dates & times. If you have a need, you are welcome! This is a first come, first serve basis. The CLCC also has a food pantry located inside the church that is open the third Monday of each month from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 6-8p.m. and again on the third Thursday of each month from 6-8 p.m. Thank you, Ric & Evelyn, for all your hard work and dedication. For further information please call 602-568-7409.

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At this time, we would like to publicly Thank our firefighters. You are heroes! You may not feel like you are, but when others are running out, you are running in. We appreciate your countless hours of training, working long hours, missing family holidays, making sacrifices, all to keep our community safe. **THANK YOU to the men and women serving on the Chippewa-Martiny Fire Department** as well as local rescue, EMS, and police. You are greatly appreciated! If you are interested in becoming a member of this great Fire Department, you can obtain an application at either the Chippewa Township Hall or the Martiny Township Hall. You can also contact Chief, Brian David.



Now would be the perfect time to also check the batteries in your smoke detectors!

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2018 Road Projects: **Chippewa Drive (between Dwight Street & East Chippewa Drive)** – This project is slated to begin as soon as road weight restrictions are lifted, in Osceola County. Mecosta County has given the contractor a waiver to move the equipment through Mecosta County. This could be as early as the week of April 16<sup>th</sup>. The project is estimated to be a two-month project for completion. However, things can change during the construction period. This is an extensive project and will be an inconvenience to many people and property owners. The Township Board is asking for your patience.

**90<sup>th</sup> Avenue (between 20 Mile & 19 Mile) Safety Project** – This project will consist of a hill cut, sag filled, guard rail, paving etc.... The project will include the entire mile of road, between 19 Mile and 20 Mile Roads.

**23 Mile Road (between 120<sup>th</sup> & 105<sup>th</sup> Ave)** – This is a cost share project with the Mecosta County Road Commission. The 1 ½ Mile Project consists of “wedge and overlay”. Additional future overlay projects, on 23 Mile Road, in Chippewa Township, will continue in 2019.

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*Line Dancing is hosted by Elma Griffis, each Monday night at the Chippewa Township Community Center. Dancing is from 6-8 P.M. Line Dancing is a great form of exercise and new faces are always welcome. Thank You Elma for all your dedication!*

*There has been interest in offering a YOGA Class, at the Community Center. If you are interested in attending a YOGA class at the Community Center, please contact Carrie @ 867-5657, for more information.*

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## CEMETERY NEWS

The Township will be doing Spring Clean-Up at the four Cemeteries, as soon as weather permits. Please remove any items, you wish to keep, from your loved ones grave site. **Also, remember that all artificial flowers must be in an approved container**. This allows the Cemetery Sexton to be able to weed whip around the headstones. Artificial flowers not in a container will be removed. The Chippewa Township Cemetery Ordinance is located on the Township's website, for reference. Go to [www.chippewatwp.org](http://www.chippewatwp.org) click on the "Community" tab then click on "Cemeteries".

In the past we have noticed that old artificial flowers, plastic containers, wreaths etc. have been just thrown into the wooded area of Chippewa Cemetery and also across the road in the ditch at Church Cemetery. The Township installed trash receptacles in each of the 4 cemeteries. If for some reason the trash can is missing, please take these items with you to dispose of. It would be greatly appreciated not only by the Board members and Cemetery Sexton who clean-up the cemeteries each year, but also the adjoining property owners.

## BARRYTON PUBLIC DISTRICT LIBRARY

As of January 2, 2018 you 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.

**2018 Summer Reading Program** – The Summer Reading Program will kick off on Wednesday July 11<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00pm in the Main branch of the Barryton Public Library District. The Program will kick off at the Chippewa Township Branch on Thursday July 12<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00pm. You do not have to be a resident to have your child join in the fun.

**BOOK SALE:** The Library will host a Book Sale, as part of the Barryton Lilac Festival, June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> @ the main branch, in Barryton, during normal business hours.

They will also host a Book Sale during Chippewa Days June 30<sup>th</sup> 9am to 3pm @ the Chippewa Township Branch.

## CHIPPEWA LAKE\_MECOSTA LIONS CLUB

We would like to thank the Chippewa Lake-Mecosta Lions Club for their generous donation, to the Chippewa Branch of the Barryton Public Library. The donation was used to purchase several new children's books.

We would like to thank our local Lions Club Members. Our local Lions Club is very active. They are involved in many activities throughout the year. The activities are just too numerous to list in the newsletter, but we have enclosed their informational brochure and you can find their information on the Township's Website under "Community". In Chippewa Lake, a poker run is held on the lake each year on the Saturday of 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend to raise the funds necessary for these projects and others. In addition, the Chippewa Lake- Mecosta Lions man a food wagon at Remus Heritage Days and the Wheatland Music Festival.

Lions volunteer hundreds of hours doing fundraising and manning events. Last summer lots of community members volunteered to work side by side with our Lions club members helping with the poker run and in the food wagon. The VFW helps us with volunteers for the Halloween and Christmas parties. Some members cannot attend meetings but are there for all the projects and activities. Flexibility is important. Serving the area and Lionism is a community and family affair! WE SERVE. Won't you join us? Contact any Lions member or President Bob Roebuck at 231-972-8885.

**FUN FUN FUN** – Lions Club “Find the Flags” poker run will be held July 7, 2018. Registration is 9am to Noon @ Millett Park. Open to anyone 18 years and older. Docks will be manned starting at Noon. You must be back in line @ Millett Park by 4:00pm. The **Chippewa Lake Community Church** will be having a bake sale in the park starting at 9 a.m. alongside the poker run.

### **OTHER HAPPENINGS**

#### **Exciting News:**

If you haven't stopped by the **Village Café** yet, now is a great time to do so! They are open Tue-Thur. from 7a.m.-4p.m., Fri. & Sat. 7 a.m. – 7 p.m., and Sundays 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Summer hours will start in May. Be sure to check out The Village Café on Facebook to see their daily specials. Welcome to Dawn and John Raines!

The old Chippewa Lake Bar project is moving forward. The new owner has applied for the liquor license and when the road weight restrictions are lifted, the demolition process will begin. The drawing for the new bar are beautiful. We are anxious to see many changes coming to Chippewa Township.

**Kids Don't Float-** Many people use the Chippewa Township Cemetery Point Park for swimming and playing during the hot months, there will soon be a “Kid's Don't Float” message board located at that park. The idea behind this program, is to make coast guard certified floatation devices, for children, available for swimming and boating. All you would need to do is borrow a floatation device, from the rack and replace it as soon as you are finished! If anyone would be interested in sponsoring this program and donating a floatation device, please contact the Chippewa Township Offices. This program has been very successful in several other states.

***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.***

It will soon be time to start mowing and trimming our lawns. Please be courteous of your neighbors and keep your lawns mowed on a regular basis. Also, do not throw your grass clippings, old flower pots, & shrubbery, onto other properties. It is getting to be quite the problem in areas around the lake. It is not only unsightly, but unhealthy to our waterways.

