

*Chippewa Township
Mecosta County, Michigan
2019 Summer Tax Newsletter*

Supervisor: Bryan Roels

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Treasurer: Julie Austin

Trustee: Deb Zielinski

Clerk: Kristin Lytle

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Township Offices/Fax: 231-867-3777 Chippewa Lk. Sewer Dept. 231-867-3616 Community Bldg. Rental: 231-867-3991

Emergency Service: 911

Animal Control: 911

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

The Township Board meets the 1st Wednesday of each month @ 6:30 pm, in the Chippewa Township Community Center

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – 2019 SUMMER TAX INFORMATION

2019 Summer Tax Bills are due on or before 9-16-2019. POSTMARKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED AS DATE RECEIVED. ALL SUMMER PAYMENTS MUST BE IN OUR OFFICE BY 4 PM, SEPTEMBER 16 TO BE CONSIDERED ON TIME

On March 2, 2020, *all unpaid* (summer and winter) taxes are TURNED OVER DELINQUENT and become payable to the Mecosta County Treasurer 400 Elm St. Big Rapids, MI 49307 (231)592-0169 & are subject to additional penalties.

IF YOUR TAXES ARE ESCROWED A COPY OF THE 2019 SUMMER TAX BILL HAS BEEN SENT TO YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY. BY LAW THE ORIGINAL BILL MUST BE SENT TO THE PROPERTY OWNER (MCL 211.44(1)).

The Township does allow partial payments after July 1st for summer and after December 1st for winter when tax bills are released. Appropriate interest/penalties will apply to the unpaid balance after September 16th for summer and February 14th for winter.

Mail your payment(s) to Chippewa Township Treasurer, PO Box 26 Chippewa Lake, MI 49320-0026. Make Remittance Payable to Chippewa Township Treasurer. A secure mail drop 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.

The Township Treasurer's Office is not responsible for payment on wrong parcels. ***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.***

TREASURER'S OFFICE HOURS: (UNLESS POSTED) Monday thru Thursday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The Township Offices will be closed July 4th and September 4th.

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 @ the July 16, 2019 Board of Review. After the July Board of Review, tax bills will not be able to be corrected until the December 10, 2019 Board of Review meeting. The July Board of Review is for "Qualified Errors and Poverty Appeals", only. The 2019 taxes are assessed to a property as it existed on 12/31/2018 (MCL 211.2). ***If a property is sold during the 2019 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 the 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: Governor Snyder signed law P.A. 161 of 2013 into law November 2013. Honorably discharged veterans who the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs has determined 100% disabled as a result of wartime service or their surviving unmarried spouse may be eligible for exemption from real property tax, for a property that is used and owned as their principal residence. Forms can be obtained by contacting the Chippewa Township Hall @ 231.867.3777 or you may print the form at www.chippewatwp.org (Under Veterans). You may also email julie@chippewatwp.org this exemption application and documentation must be filled out and filed each year, to be eligible.

Deferred Payment of 2019 Summer Tax Bills:

Senior Citizens (age 62 and over), veterans and persons with total and permanent disabilities may qualify for deferment of 2019 summer taxes if your household resources (taxable and non-taxable income) is \$40,000 or less. Qualified agricultural property also qualifies for deferment. The deferment application form must be filled out every year and filed with the Township Treasurer's office before September 16, 2019. If you qualify, payment of your summer 2019 taxes may be deferred until February 14, 2020, without any penalty added. You may print the deferment application at www.chippewatwp.org (Under forms) or call Chippewa Township Treasurer for the required form and/or information regarding the deferment process. You may also email julie@chippewatwp.org

2019 Chippewa Days Celebration:

Parade line up at 10:15 A.M.

Parade starts promptly at 10:30 A.M. at the corner of West Chippewa Drive and Dwight Street. Parade will flow down Dwight Street to 4th Street and end at the Chippewa Township Community Center.

Other events going on that day include:

Community Center - Chicken BBQ from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. OR until sold out!,

Children's petting zoo, Library Book Sale, Bake Sale, Fire Department T-Shirt sales @ 11 a.m. Other events may be added, please see our website for the most up to date information.

JULY 6th INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION ACTIVITIES

CHIPPEWA LAKE FIREWORKS The 2019 Fireworks display over the waters of Chippewa Lake; will be Saturday, July, 6th at dusk.

CHIPPEWA LAKE-MECOSTA LIONS CLUB: The lions club will be sponsoring their annual "FIND THE FLAGS ON CHIPPEWA LAKE" fundraiser July 6, 2019. Registration is 9:00AM to Noon @ Millett Park.

CHIPPEWA LAKE COMMUNITY CHURCH: The CLCC will be hosting a Bake Sale, in Millett Park, starting at 9:00AM, on July 6, 2019. Other events - CLCC has Vacation Bible School from July 15-19 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. @ the Church.

Chippewa Branch Library is Open: Tuesday (Noon-5p.m.), Thursday (10 a.m.-5 p.m.), Friday (11 a.m.-6 p.m.), & Saturday (9 a.m. – 1 p.m.) The Summer Reading Program, A Universe of Stories will be on July 11th, 18th, & 25th @ 1 p.m.

FALL 2019 NON-HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD CLEAN-UP DAY: MARK YOUR CALENDARS! THE CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP FALL CLEAN-UP IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2019, FROM 8 A.M. – 11 A.M. OR UNTIL DUMPSTERS ARE FULL. THE LOCATION IS AT 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. DUE 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 AND NO TIRES, PLEASE!** IF YOU ARE BUILDING OR REMODELING, PLEASE GET YOUR OWN DUMPSTER. CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP IS ONLY TAKING A LIMITED AMOUNT OF BUILDING MATERIALS.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION: The Mecosta County Household Hazardous Waste Collection is Saturday, October 12, 2019, from 9 a.m.-noon, at the Mecosta County Fair Grounds 540 West Ave., Big Rapids. A Pre-registration form is required if bringing over 200 lbs. to the collection site. If you have any questions please call Charmaine Lucas @ 231-796-0909 ext.3 or visit www.mecostacd.org

Chippewa Lake Sewer District: If you are experiencing Sewer issues, please call **231-867-3616**. This is the **ONLY** Township number that is monitored 24/7. NO personal equipment such as sump pumps, rain gutters, etc. is to be attached into or drain directly into the Chippewa Township Sewer System. Any damages done to personal property or sewer system as a result of such additional equipment; shall be the property owner's responsibility.

As always, please feel free to stop & visit with the Township officials at the office or call if you have any questions, suggestions, or comments. We can't help if you don't ask. You can find the most up to date information and events at www.chippewatwp.org. Have a Safe and Wonderful Summer!