

CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP 2020 SPRING NEWSLETTER

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Township Board meetings 1st Wednesday of each month @ 6:30 P.M., in the Community Building

Fire Board meetings 3rd Monday of each month @ 6:30 P.M., in the Fire Station

TOWNSHIP OFFICE HOURS ARE MONDAY THRU THURSDAY 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. UNLESS OTHERWISE POSTED

2020 Census

Many of you have received your 'Invitation to respond to the 2020 Census' in the mail. This year, completing your Census is easier than ever. You can complete the census on-line, over the phone, or by mail. As of today, only 13% of Chippewa Township residents have completed their census. Chippewa Township receives revenue sharing funds based on the Census numbers. The more residents Chippewa Township has, the more money is received. These funds can be used for Grant funding, to create maps to increase emergency response times, draw school district lines, planning for hospitals, and so much more. [www.https://2020census.gov](https://2020census.gov) is a wealth of information. If you'd like help filling out your census or have questions, please feel free to contact Kristin or Julie at 231-867-3777. They are more than happy to assist you to ensure we are all counted.

COVID-19

Thank you to the frontline workers who continue to work hard to ensure our safety. Chippewa Township continues to operate effectively and are diligent about safety guidelines being met. Whether you agree with Governor Whitmer's Stay at 'Home order' or not, thank you for your support to keep you, your family, and neighbors safe during these unprecedented times. As always, we are here to help and assist in any way possible. Please feel free to email Julie@Chippewatwp.org or Kristin@Chippewatwp.org. This too shall pass!

Spring 2020 Non-Hazardous Household Clean-Up Day:

The Chippewa Township Spring Clean-Up day will be **Saturday, MAY 16th 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. **Because of COVID-19, Township Officials will NOT be helping unload trash. You are responsible for unloading ALL of your trash in a timely manner to help keep the flow going smoothly!! Township Officials will be on-site to direct traffic and oversee drop offs. Only One vehicle unloading at a time so prepare for traffic backups!** Please remember that **all** loose trash must be cut into manageable pieces or placed in trash bags and please bring help to unload large & heavy items. Due to past problems, each property owner is limited to (1) pickup and (1) trailer load. *****New this year*** NO building materials. If you are doing any building or remodeling, please rent your own dumpster.** This service is provided, free of charge, to the property owners & residents of Chippewa Township only! **NO EARLY DROP OFFS! NO TIRES! *** This date could change if the Governors Stay at Home Order is extended*****



DID YOU KNOW.....You can skip the line on Election Day and vote by mail? Voting has never been easier or more secure. With the passage of Proposal 18-3, new changes are available for Michigan voters. One of the biggest changes is ALL eligible registered voters in Michigan may now request an absent voter ballot without providing a reason. The State Primary Election is August 4, 2020 & The State General Election is November 3, 2020. This is also the time to vote for your Local Township Board Members and Local Fire Department and Road Millage Renewals. Please remember that **voting is held at the Chippewa Township Community Center located at 10467 19 Mile Road.**

2020 Road Projects

23 Mile road from 90th Ave. to 105th Ave. is on the project list for repaving. However, due to the loss in State Funding during COVID-19, the Mecosta County Road Commission may not have the funds available for this project. If funds are unavailable, the project will be pushed back to 2021. The Township has \$50,000 earmarked and set aside for this cost sharing project.

CEMETERY NEWS

Please 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, click

on the "Community" tab then click on "Cemeteries". In the past we have observed that old artificial flowers, plastic containers, wreaths etc. have been thrown into the wooded areas of the Chippewa Cemeteries. The Township has installed trash receptacles in each of the 4 cemeteries. If for some reason the trash can is full or missing; please take these items with you to dispose of. It would be greatly appreciated not only by the Board members and Cemetery Sexton, but also the adjoining property owners. All of the Chippewa Township Cemeteries are closed to visitors in Winter months when there is snow on the ground. Recently, someone drove through the cemetery lawn when there was snow on the ground and came extremely close to running over multiple headstones. **PLEASE** do not drive into the cemeteries when there is snow on the ground.

Chippewa Township has recently experienced multiple acts of vandalism and destruction on Township properties including the new Community Building. Your Township Officials do not take the destruction and disrespect of community property lightly and as a result we have taken preventative measures. Please note: ANYONE caught in the act will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.



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.

The Chippewa Lake Community Church will be hosting Vacation Bible School from 9 – 11 a.m., the week of July 6th – 10th. 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 21st, June 25th, & July 23rd, August 27th, & September 24th. Time: 4 p.m. 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. Thank you, Ric & Evelyn, along with all the wonderful volunteers; for all your hard work and dedication.

FUN FUN FUN – Lions Club "Find the Flags" poker run will be held July 4, 2020. 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. The monies raised from the poker run is donated to many wonderful projects throughout our Township.

Blight- We have been receiving an abundance of Blight Complaints. Blight Complaint forms along with the Mecosta County Blight Ordinance can be found at www.chippewatwp.org, under FORMS. To avoid receiving a Blight Notice, we ask that you keep your yard mowed, take care of your trash, and remove scrap materials and unusable vehicles as well as any other blight debris. Not only is blight unsightly, but it's also unhealthy. Help us, keep our community a beautiful place to live and visit.

THE 2020 FIREWORKS DISPLAY OVER BEAUTIFUL CHIPPEWA LAKE, WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JULY 4TH AT DUSK. PLEASE READ THE ENCLOSED FLYER FOR UPCOMING FIREWORKS EVENTS. AS ALWAYS, THANK YOU TO THE HARDWORKING VOLUNTEERS WHO DEDICATE THEIR TIME AND ENERGY TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE ABLE TO ENJOY A FIREWORKS DISPLAY EACH YEAR. THANK YOU!

Chippewa Days – Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, Chippewa Township has made the difficult decision to cancel Chippewa Days for 2020. However, we are excited for Chippewa Days 2021. We'd like to recreate Chippewa Days of the past with an 'Old Fashioned Days' Celebration. It takes lots of volunteers to create a wonderful event. Please watch for updates and volunteer opportunities.

The Chippewa Township Boards wishes everyone a wonderful and relaxing Spring & Summer. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Township Offices or stop by for a visit.

Always be humble and kind!