

*Chippewa Township
Mecosta County, Michigan
2021 Summer Tax Newsletter*

Supervisor: Bryan Roels	Treasurer: Julie Austin	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 1 st Wednesday of each month @ 6:30 pm, in the Chippewa Township Community Center		
Fire Board meets the 3 rd Monday each month @ 6:30 pm, in the Fire Station		

As many new people are moving to our area, we say 'Welcome!' We hope you enjoy it here, as much as we do. You can find a variety of important information on our Township website: www.chippewatwp.org. The information on this website is up to date and informative; social media is not always accurate.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – 2021 SUMMER TAX INFORMATION

2021 Summer Tax Bills are due on or before 9-14-2021. POSTMARKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED AS DATE RECEIVED. ALL SUMMER PAYMENTS MUST BE IN OUR OFFICE BY 4 PM, SEPTEMBER 14 TO BE CONSIDERED ON TIME

On March 1, 2022, all unpaid 2021 (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 2021 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)). If a mortgage company has requested a copy of your bill; a mortgage code will be listed in the 'tax detail' box of your bill.

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 15th 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 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Closed July 27th & 28th.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE HOURS: (UNLESS POSTED) 2ND and 4th Tuesday of each Month from 10 a.m. – noon.

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 20, 2021 Board of Review. After the July Board of Review, tax bills will not be able to be corrected until the December 14, 2021 Board of Review meeting. The 2021 taxes are assessed to a property as it existed on 12/31/2020 (MCL 211.2). **If a property is sold during the 2021 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.**

Deferred Payment of 2021 Summer Tax Bills:

Senior Citizens (age 62 and over), veterans and persons with total and permanent disabilities may qualify for deferment of 2021 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 14, 2021. If you qualify, payment of your summer 2021 taxes may be deferred until February 14, 2022, without any penalty added. You may print the deferment application at www.chippewatwp.org (Under forms) or call the Chippewa Township Treasurer for the required form and/or information regarding the deferment process. You may also email julie@chippewatwp.org

JULY 4th INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION ACTIVITIES

The 2021 Fireworks display over the beautiful waters of Chippewa Lake; will be Saturday, July, 3rd at dusk. You can help support the Fireworks, by supporting their events. Event dates can be found on the Chippewa Township Website. If you have questions, you may contact Marcia Leiter @ 231-867-5717.

CEMETERY NEWS: For those of you who have loved ones located in one of Chippewa Township's four cemeteries; we ask that you carefully read the cemetery ordinance. You may read the ordinance on the Township website (www.chippewatwp.org) or obtain a copy by calling the Township offices. Many people are placing fake flowers and trinkets directly in the ground at the cemeteries. Not only is this against the ordinance, but it makes it very difficult to mow and trim the cemetery. ALL flowers must be put in approved containers (NO GLASS). We have been lenient in the past and it is getting out of control. As of July 4, 2021; if flowers/trinkets are placed in the ground; they will be thrown away.

*Fall 2021 non-Hazardous Household Clean-Up Day: Mark your calendars! The Chippewa Township Fall Clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, September 18, 2021, 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 cut into a manageable size, and **please have help to unload to ensure the line moves quickly!** 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 rent your own dumpster. No building materials allowed! **YOU MUST UNLOAD YOUR OWN TRASH.***

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION: The Mecosta County Household Hazardous Waste Collection is Saturday, October 9, 2021, from 9 a.m.-noon, at the Mecosta County Fairgrounds, 540 West Ave., Big Rapids, MI. 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. are 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.

Chippewa Branch Library is Open: Tuesday (Noon-5p.m.), Thursday & Friday (10 a.m.-5 p.m.), & Saturday (9 a.m. – 1 p.m.) The WiFi is always on – No passcode needed. Choose "Barryton Library at Chippewa" from your list of available networks and enjoy the WiFi from your vehicle or at the picnic tables. For questions regarding the library, please call 231.867.2014

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. Have a Safe and Wonderful Summer!