

Chippewa Township
Mecosta County, Michigan
2021 WINTER NEWSLETTER
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Supervisor: Bryan Roels

Clerk: Kristin Lytle

Treasurer: Julie Austin

Trustee: Annette Walters

Trustee: Debbie Zielinski

Assessor: Andrea Roberts:

Township Hall 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

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

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 1pm UNLESS OTHERWISE POSTED

****Closed on Holidays****

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – 2021 WINTER TAX INFORMATION

2021 Winter Tax Bills are due on or before 2/14/2022. POSTMARKS will **NOT** be accepted. On 2-15-2022 late penalties will apply. **DELINQUENT 2021 Summer Taxes** are **NOT** reflected on the 2021 winter tax bills. On March 1, 2022 **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 2021 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 slot 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 For DECEMBER (UNLESS POSTED) Monday and Thursday from 9 am to 1 pm. 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 14, 2021 Board of Review. Upon the adjournment of the 2021 December Board of Review, corrections **cannot** be made, to the 2021 Tax Roll, until the 2022 July Board of Review. The December Board of Review is for "**Qualified Errors & Poverty Appeals ONLY**". The 2021 taxes are assessed to a property as it existed on 12-31-2020 (MCL211.2). 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 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!

Road Projects: 23-Mile Road between 80th Avenue and 90th Avenue will not be completed in 2022, as previously expected. Mecosta County Road Commission does not have the matching funds to complete the project. However, Chippewa Township is looking at smaller gravel projects. If you know of a gravel road that needs some attention; please contact the Township by January 1, 2022 with your suggestions.

Have you noticed?

Have you noticed the beautiful new banners located around Chippewa Township? We think they bring a sense of joy and happiness. Keep your eyes open; we are hoping to add additional banners throughout the entire Township in the Spring. If you would like to donate funds towards more banners, please contact the Township offices. We are also considering Veterans banners. If you, a family member, or loved one have served in the Military, Police, or Fire and would like to sponsor a banner; please contact Kristin or Julie.

CONTINUED TRADITION:

Will you come out on your doorstep to raise a little Christmas Cheer? We're calling on families in Chippewa Township to come outside and ring a bell on Christmas Eve at 6 p.m. We'd like everyone to ring a bell for 2 minutes to spread Christmas Cheer. After a tough year, it would be wonderful to end 2021 with a bit of Magic, Hope, & Togetherness!



The Chippewa Township Board along with the Chippewa-Martiny Fire Board would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank our firefighters. Sometimes we may take for granted, that in times of need (not just in Chippewa or Martiny Township but all over our country) we have men and women, serving on first responder units, who are willing to give up their time, and often times safety, to protect and help us. Seldom do we think of the physical and mental toll it may take on them. To all of you, especially our local men and women serving as firefighters, rescue, EMS and police, **THANK YOU** for all that you do and sacrifice to help and protect us. You are greatly appreciated and there are no words that can express our gratitude adequately. If you would like to join this wonderful organization, please stop in to the Township offices for an application or contact Chief, Brian David.

Verizon Cell Tower:

You may have heard that Chippewa Township has been working closely with Verizon regarding a cell phone tower, since 2019. The land has been approved and they planned to start construction in 2022. Unfortunately, Verizon has pushed back construction. They state that Chippewa Township is not high on the priority list because they feel we have adequate service coverage. If you have problems with your Verizon Cell service; PLEASE call 1-800-922-0204 and let them no.

THANK YOU, Marcia, for another gorgeous Fireworks display. The 2022 Fireworks display is scheduled for Saturday, July 2, 2022. We would like to say **THANK YOU** to all those who graciously supported, donated, and volunteered for the Chippewa Lake Fireworks fundraisers. The 2nd can drive, has raised \$2908.40. **WOW! Many hands make light work!** Marcia is always looking for helpers at fundraising events. If you would like to help Marcia at one of these events, please email Chippewafireworkscommittee@gmail.com.

Dark Skies:

If you are interested in preserving dark skies in Chippewa Township; please join Facebook group: For your Skies Only. Chippewa Lake, MI.

Chippewa Township Grants: In 2021, The Chippewa-Martiny Fire Department was awarded \$2924.71 in Fire Department Grants and Chippewa Township was awarded \$5000.00 for playground fall safe mulch.

Kindness is one of the most powerful attributes one can have. Being friendly, generous, and considerate can make the world a better place and drastically improve our own well-being as well. Be kind to one another!

As always, please feel free to stop and visit with the Township officials during normal business hours or call them if you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns. www.Chippewatwp.org has a wealth of local information.

Wishing you all a very blessed Holiday Season – The Chippewa Township Board

CONSERVATION DISTRICT OFFERS FREE SITE ASSESSMENTS

www.mecostacd.org

Forestry Assistance Program Keeping your forest healthy, productive and sustainable long term is no easy task. It is more important than ever to take a closer look at programs that can assist you with the management of your property. They include: Forestry Assistance Program, Qualified Forest Program, Hunter Access Program, Forest Wetlands and Habitat Program and many others. Contact District Forester, Rick Lucas, for more information at 231-408-3567.

Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program Participate in our voluntary and confidential program to reduce environmental risk on your farming operation, forest, wetland, or wildlife habitat. Call Karen McDaniel, Mecosta MAEAP Technician, at 231-408-3574.

Invasive Species Management Program For information to identify, prevent, monitor, manage and respond to invasive species, contact Vicki Sawicki, North Country CISMA Coordinator, at 231-429-5072 (covering Osceola, Lake and Mecosta Counties).

Natural Resources Conservation Service For information regarding your natural resource concerns, improvements, protection, and enhancement, contact Jennifer Taylor, Mecosta District Conservationist at 231-796-2659 Ext. 3. *The USDA is an Equal Opportunity Provider & Employer and Lender.*



Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection
Saturday, October 8, 2022, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon
Collection Sites:

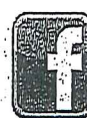
Mecosta County - Chippewa Hills Intermediate School
Osceola County - Road Commission South Facility
Lake County - Wenger Pavilion, downtown Baldwin



CALL TO RECEIVE A FREE 2022 TREE /SHRUB CATALOG

Native Plant Presentation & Sale — June 2022

Call or email the Mecosta Conservation District to be placed on our mailing list in order to receive two free publications that will keep you up to date on district happenings (231) 796-0909 Ext.3
brook.baumann@macd.org



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