

CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP
10467 – 19 Mile Rd.
Mecosta County, Michigan
2025 WINTER NEWSLETTER
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Supervisor: Shirley Hazen

Treasurer: Julie Austin

Clerk: Kristin Lytle

Trustee: Annette Walters

Trustee: Debbie Zielinski

Assessor: Andrea Roberts

Township Offices: 231.867.3777

Chippewa Lk. Sewer Dept: 231.867.3616

Emergency Services: 911

Burn Permits: (866)922-2878 or www.michigan.gov/burnpermit

Chippewa Twp. Board meetings are the 1st Wednesday of each month @ 6:30 PM, in the Chippewa Twp. Community Bldg.
2025-2026 Fire Board meetings are the 3rd Monday of each month @ 6:30 PM, at the Martiny Twp. Building

TOWNSHIP OFFICE HOURS ARE MONDAY – THURSDAY FROM 9 AM – 1 PM. Occasionally, we step out of the office to conduct other Township business, during normal business hours. Feel free to call the office prior to stopping by.

Additional hours are always available by appointment. Township offices are closed on Holidays.

Assessors' office hours are 10 AM – Noon on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – 2025 WINT TAX INFORMATION

2025 Winter Tax Bills are due on or before 2/17/2026. POSTMARKS will be accepted. On 2/18/2026 late penalties will apply. DELINQUENT 2025 Summer Taxes or Deferred Summer Taxes are **NOT** reflected on the 2025 winter tax bill. On

March 1, 2026, 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 MORTGAGE CODE APPEARS ON YOUR BILL AND A COPY OF THE 2025 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))**

Make Payments Payable to: Chippewa Township Treasurer. **Mail your payments to:** Chippewa Township Treasurer, P.O. Box 26, Chippewa lake, MI 49320. There is a secure drop box located to the right of the Chippewa Township Office Entry door. A self-addressed stamped envelop is requested for the return of your paid receipt. **If making payment in 'cash' please have the exact amount. CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP DOES NOT ACCEPT CREDIT/DEBIT CARDS.** The Treasurer/Clerk office hours are Monday-Thursday from 9 AM-1PM with additional hours as needed. The Treasurer's Office will be closed December 23rd through December 26th and December 30th through January 4th.

*******EXTREMELY IMPORTANT*******

Make sure you carefully check the enclosed Tax Statement(s). If you find an error, please contact the Treasurer **Immediately** to have the statement corrected at the December 9, 2025, Board of Review. Upon the adjournment of the December 2025 Board of Review, corrections **cannot** be made to the 2025 Tax Roll, until the 2026 July Board of Review. The December Board of Review is for "Qualified Errors & Poverty Appeals **ONLY**. The 2025 taxes are assessed to a property as it existed on 12-31-2024 (MCL211.2). If a property is sold or split during the 2025 tax year, it is the responsibility of the buyer and seller or their agents to prorate the whole tax year obligation. **ALL address changes need to be submitted in writing. Failure to receive a 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 discharged veterans with 100% permanently and totally 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 principal 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 Offices. 231.867.3777 or email Julie@Chippewatwp.org or Kristin@Chippewatwp.org.

ROAD PROJECTS: We are looking at Road Projects for 2026. If you have any suggestions please contact the Chippewa Township offices or email Kristin@Chippewatwp.org or Julie@Chippewatwp.org.

CHIPPEWA-MARTINY FIRE DEPARTMENT: The Chippewa-Martiny Firefighters would like to remind everyone that now is a good time for every household to check and/or replace the batteries in their smoke detectors. If you would like to become a part of this great public service organization, you can obtain an application at either the Chippewa Township Hall or the Martiny Township Hall. You can also contact Chief, Brian David or Assistant Chief Carl Kerns, for more information.

As always, please join the Chippewa Township Board in saying, **"Thank You"**, to all our firefighters. "The Bravest People in the World", is a fitting title for firefighters. If you happen to see them in action pause a minute, show them that you care and help them out, with a little prayer.

The Chippewa-Martiny Fire Board Clerk and Treasurer, 2025, applied for and were awarded \$24,864.26 in grant funding. This funding will be used to purchase life-saving fire equipment.

CHIPPEWA LAKE FIREWORKS: Marcia would like to extend a **Thank You** to all those who continuously support the fundraising efforts to ensure that Chippewa Lake has a beautiful fireworks display each year. Please continue to watch the Chippewa Lake Fireworks Facebook page as well as the Chippewa Township website for upcoming fundraising events. ***If you would like to donate your time to help with a fundraiser, please email Marcia at chippewafireworkscommittee@gmail.com.*** The 2026 Fireworks display will be on Saturday, July 4th. A Special **Thank you** to Marcia for the countless hours and dedication you put into the Fireworks each year. You are appreciated!

Chippewa Branch Library: Stop in and see one of our friendly librarians. They have books, audio books, DVDs, computers and WIFI. They also fax and make copies! Open on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 10 – 5 p.m., and Saturdays 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. For questions or library information, please call 231-867-2014.

The Barryton Main Branch library will be hosting 'Pictures with Santa Clause' on Saturday, December 6, 2025 from 4 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

LOCAL EVENTS: ***The Morning Mug*** has several upcoming events for the Holidays! Please join them for some FUN on November 30th @ 10:00am for a Permanent Jewelry Party; December 11th @ 6:00pm for an ADULT ONLY Cookie Exchange Bring in (2) dozen of your creations by 6pm, exchange @ 6:30; December 13th @ 11am Kids Cookie Exchange bring in (1) dozen cookies by 11am, exchange @ 11:45am. ***The Giving Hen, Inc.*** is our newest Nonprofit Organization! They are a community driven nonprofit dedicated to providing meals and essential items for those in need. ***The Giving Hen and the Garden Shack*** are teaming up to help feed those in need, in our community. The Garden Shack will serve as the store for The Giving Hen Food Pantry. They are currently only in the collection stage; please follow their Facebook page for updates. They are currently taking donations to stock their shelves. If you would like to help this wonderful organization and the community, you can donate non-perishable food items, personal care items or essential household goods or cash donations are also welcome for the purchase of these items. Drop off locations are the Rooster Saloon or the Morning Mug. ***The Rooster Saloon and The Giving Hen, Inc.*** are joining forces to provide Christmas Dinners (pickup only) again this year, on December 23rd, for those in need. More information will be available by contacting The Rooster Saloon (231)867-1055 or by following their Facebook page. You will need to contact them ahead of time to be added to the list. ***Thank you to ALL of our local businesses that do so much for our community!!***

CEMETERIES:

We take pride in our cemeteries. If you have a loved one buried in one of our cemeteries and you place grave blankets or flowers for the winter holidays, make sure they are removed by March 30th. There is NO driving, any type of vehicle in the cemeteries when there is snow on the ground. Please remember to be respectful.

Please remember to Shop Local!

Remember all those businesses that you've asked for years to donate and sponsor your sports clubs, organizations, school events, etc.? Let's help support those businesses now! Whether it's purchasing a gift card or ordering take-out, let's show them the love and support they deserve.

Please feel free to stop in and see the Township Officials at the new offices located at 10467 – 19 Mile Road. The Township offices are located at the West end of the building.

Have a Safe and Wonderful Holiday Season!

The Chippewa Township Board