

CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP
Mecosta County, MI

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Emergency Service: 911 Animal Control: 911 Burn Permits: (866) 922-2876 or www.michigan.gov/burnpermit		
Township Board meets the 1st Wednesday of each month @ 7:00 pm, in the Chippewa-Martiny Fire Station		
Fire Board meets the 3rd Monday of each month @ 6:30 pm, in the Fire Station		

Dear Property Owners:

As many of you already know, the Chippewa Township Community Building, burnt on February 11th. We would like to thank all of you that have called or stopped into the Township Hall, for your support. Even though it is a tremendous loss to our Community we can all give thanks that no one was injured. The Township Officials have been very busy over the past few days meeting with the insurance company and investigating the process of rebuilding. We would like to extend our gratitude and appreciation to not only our Fire Department (Chippewa-Martiny) but also Fork Township Fire Department, Morton Township Fire Department and Colfax Township Fire Department. Please feel free to contact the Township Hall if you have any questions about the incident or the rebuilding process. Please keep in mind that we are only into the very preliminary stages of the insurance claim.

The Township Board has had to make some immediate temporary changes to Township meetings, elections etc.... As follows: The March 8, 2016 Presidential Primary Election (7:00am to 8:00pm) along with regular scheduled Chippewa Township Board Meetings (first Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm) will be held in the Chippewa-Martiny Fire Department Building next to the Township Offices. The Chippewa Township March Board of Review will be held in the Chippewa Township Offices/Branch Library on March 14, 2016 9:00am to Noon and 1:00pm to 4:00pm. On March 15, 2016 from 2:00pm to 5:00pm and 6:00pm to 9:00pm

The Official Township website address is www.chippewatwp.org. If you have questions or need information regarding any Township matter please call the Township Hall at 231.867.3777 or any of the Township Officials directly.

Please take note of several activities that are coming up shortly.

2016 Polar Plunge: - Please Note the "After Splash Bash" location change to the Chippewa Lake Community Church.

The Chippewa Lake - Mecosta/Osceola County Polar Plunge takes place Feb. 27, 2016 at Chippewa Lake. Registration starts at 11:00 at the East Bay General Store, 19961 East Chippewa Drive, Chippewa Lake. The parade of costumes will start at 12:30 p.m. For more information please contact Pat Rosales at 867-5713.

2016 Chippewa Lake Fireworks Winterfest: The Chippewa Lake Fireworks Winterfest is scheduled for February 27, 2016. They will be holding the 3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off and 3rd Annual Fishing Contest. Please contact Travis Palmer at 231-349-0869 for further information.

PUBLIC LIBRARY: Chippewa Branch Library is part of the Barryton Public Library District. A Librarian is on duty at the Chippewa Township Branch on Tuesday noon-5pm, Thursday 10am-5pm, Friday 11am-6pm, & Saturday 9am-1pm. The library is also open during regular Township Office hours. Come in and check out the large variety of books, movies, free Wi-Fi and services provided through the Barryton Public Library District. The main branch of the Barryton Public Library is located at 198 Northern Ave, Barryton.

2016 Election Information:

The following elections are scheduled for Chippewa Township at this time.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Election</u>	<u>Voter Registration Deadline</u>
Tuesday, March 8th	Presidential Primary	Monday, February 8th
Tuesday, August 2nd	State Primary	Tuesday, July 5th
Tuesday, November 8th	State General	Tuesday, October 11th

Election Inspectors are citizens who are paid to assist voters at the polls on Election Day. If you are interested in becoming involved in the election process and you are a registered voter living in Chippewa Township, you may apply by completing and submitting an [Election Inspector Application](#) which is located on the Official Chippewa Township Website (chippewatwp.org) or contact the Clerk's office at 231-867-3777 for further information.

2016 is election year not only for United States Presidential candidates but also for county and local offices. If you are interested in running for a local office, please stop into the Township Hall, for a "Nomination Packet". Please check the Township's website, for additional election information.

Spring 2016 Non-Hazardous Household Clean-up Day: Mark your calendars! The Chippewa Township Spring Clean-up day will be **Saturday, June 18, 2016. 9 a.m. – noon** at the Chippewa Township Community Park on 19 mile road. ***This is for township property owners and residents only.*** Please remember that loose trash must be placed in bags, large items must be broken down into manageable sizes and that each property is limited to one truck and utility trailer only. It is on a first come first serve basis, once the reserved dumpsters are full no more items will be accepted. No tires will be accepted.

Neighborhood Watch: As many of you may have heard, during the months of November and December, five area residences were broken into. To help keep our community a safe place to live and vacation; Gordon Curtin is starting a Neighborhood Watch program. He is looking for people who are interested in being a subdivision coordinators. You can email Mr. Curtin at camel1616@live.com

Boaters Safety Classes: Those persons born on or after July 1, 1996 may operate a boat legally only if they have a boater safety certificate. If you know someone that falls into this category, the Barryton Public Library, will be hosting a Boaters Safety Class. April 30, 2016 from 10:00am to 4:00pm, in the main branch located at 198 Northern Ave, Barryton, MI. Please call the Barryton Public Library main branch @ (989) 382-5288, for more information or to pre-register, for the class. Those taking the class will need to bring a sack lunch.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION: The Mecosta County Household Hazardous Waste Collection is scheduled for Saturday, October 8, 2016 9:00-noon, at the Mecosta County Senior Center 12954 80th Ave., Mecosta. A pre-registration form is required if bringing over 200 lbs. to the collection site. If you have any questions please call Charmaine Lucas @ Phone: 231-796-0909 ext.3 or visit www.mecostacd.org.

Chippewa Lake Community Church Events: The Chippewa Lake Community Church will be hosting a "Sader Dinner" (Passover Dinner) on April 23, 2016 @4:30pm, at the Chippewa Lake Community Church. A \$5.00 donation is requested.

We would like to thank those of you who made the Chippewa Township Food Drive, for the Chippewa Lake Community Church Food Pantry, such a success! We are hoping this will become an annual event, in December.

Chippewa Lake - Mecosta Lions Club: Will be hosting an "Easter Egg Hunt", age's preschool to 6th grade, at the Chippewa Township Community Park, on Saturday, March 26, 2016. The hunt will start promptly at 2:00pm.

Property for Sale: Chippewa Township has the old Chippewa Lake Bar property for sale. The property lies within the Chippewa Township Commercial Property Tax Abatement District. If you are interested please contact kristin@chippewatwp.org.