

Negaunee Township Fall Newsletter

October 2017

From the Supervisor

William Carlson
Township Supervisor

The Negaunee Township Board & Staff have determined that a NEWSLETTER is needed to inform our residents of changes and things happening in the various departments.

Please take the time to look at all of the articles, note the changes, and if you have any questions or concerns to call the office.

If anyone has a desire to participate in any of the Boards, IE: Board of Review, Zoning Board of Appeals etc to please come in and fill out an application.

TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Supervisor	William Carlson
Clerk	Rachel Sertich
Treasurer	Kathy Carlson
Trustee	Gary Wommer
Trustee	Patrick Moyle

SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO:

Tractor Supply, Bill Carlson & Ron Kauppila

Who donated picnic tables to the Township which have been placed in the Pocket Park on Co Rd 510 and down by the boat launch!!

Thank You for supporting the Township!!

Visit our website (Negauneetownship.org) to stay up to date on all that is happening in the Township!! You will find minutes of board & committee meetings, hall rental information, list of departments and staff members, calendar of events and much more!

You can also "like" us on Facebook

2018 Building Season

Nick Leach
Zoning Administrator

As the 2017 building season winds down, the Negaunee Township Planning & Zoning Department wants to remind anyone thinking about building in 2018 that the winter months are the perfect time to come into the office and get all your paperwork in order. Take full advantage of the short building season and don't get held up doing paperwork while you could be outside pouring concrete or swinging a hammer. Stop in the office or call to make an appointment. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8-4.



A reminder to change your clocks back one hour on Sunday November 5th!

From the Treasurer

Kathy Carlson

Basic Tax Information:

- Summer taxes are issued July 1st and are due on or before September 14th
- Winter taxes are issued on December 1st and are due on or before February 14th
- As of March 1st, both Summer & Winter unpaid real property taxes are turned over to the Marquette County Treasurer's office and all payment must be made to them.
- If your Mortgage company pays your taxes, you will not receive a tax bill. You may request a copy of your tax bill at any time. If you are unsure of where your tax bill is being sent or needs to be sent, please contact our office.
- If Summer or Winter taxes are paid late, interest & penalties will be applied.
- We can only accept payment for bills issued.
- The Township is open until 5pm to receive tax payments for Summer taxes on September 14th and for Winter taxes on February 14th.

If you are not able to make a payment during normal business hours, you can now pay over the phone with a credit card (fees apply) We also have an after hours locked drop box although we do not recommend you leave cash. If you find none of these options work for you, please contact the office to make other arrangements.



With winter arriving soon, we ask residents to "adopt a hydrant" A fire hydrant is a very important tool for the Fire Dept & precious time could be lost if they have to shovel out a hydrant during a fire.

Thank You for your help!



As cold weather approaches, it is time to make sure your water lines and meters are protected from freezing. Water lines that must be protected from freezing are located under mobile homes, in garages or crawl spaces.

Tips to prevent frozen water lines:

- Plan the plowing, shoveling and storing of snow to maintain maximum cover over shallow lines.
- Maintain a temperature of at least 40 in basements, crawl spaces & garages where there are water pipes
- Check all heat tapes to make sure they are working properly
- Insulate all water piping that run along exterior walls

Residents who have a water meter that freezes will be charged to replace it.

The Township tries to provide a reliable water source and we appreciate your help in doing so. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call us.

Delinquent Garbage Bill?

Amounts more than 90 days past due become a lien on the property and will be placed on the winter tax bill if not paid by 4:00 pm on Wednesday November 15, 2017

Need a burning permit?

First, call the DNR office at 866-922-2876 to find out if it is Ok to burn. Then, call the Township office with your name, address of where you are burning & what you are burning. We will give that information to the Fire Department.



Negaunee Township Water Department Policy on "Let Run"

Let runs to prevent frozen pipes in the winter are authorized **ONLY** through the Water Department . If you are not called from our office to let your water run, you are responsible for paying for **ALL** the water used.



Negaunee Township
Winter Recreation Program
STARTS
Monday, November 13, 2017

Kindergarten through Grade 4	4:30 pm to 6:00 pm	Monday through Thursday
Grade 5 through Grade 8	6:00 pm to 7:30 pm	Monday through Thursday
High School Basketball	7:30 to 10:00 pm	Mon & Wed
Adult Pickle Ball		Tues & Thurs

You will be permitted in the building only during the allotted times for your grade and age. In addition to basketball, foosball, and volleyball we have board games, cribbage, yahrtzee, coloring books, crayons, paints, jigsaw puzzles.

There is no charge to participate in this recreation program.

NOTE: NO RECREATION when schools are closed or the office is closed for holidays



The Township offices will be closed Thursday Nov 23rd & Friday Nov 24th in observance of Thanksgiving

The Negaunee Township Community Center Board is working on a 5-year recreation Plan. Public input is welcome & encouraged.

Watch for the survey on the Township website and Face Book page. You will also find hard copy surveys in the office. Please take the time to fill these out and let us know what you would like to see here at the Township moving forward.

Negaunee Township Fire/EMS
Est. February 1979

As a volunteer department, we rely on the dedication of our members to answer the call when the pagers go off. We are both a Fire Department and a First Responder Unit. Our motto has always been “*Our Pride is Protecting Our Community*” and that is exactly what we do 24/7 – 365 days a year.

Our Involvement in our community includes programs during Fire Safety Week in the Negaunee Public Schools to teach our youth about fire safety, the importance of an escape plan and to practice those plans with them. We also host a National Night Out for our local community to visit our facility and meet our firefighters and EMS members. Be sure to watch for the 2018 National Night out date to be announced soon!

We would like to thank our Negaunee Township community for all their support throughout the years. The Negaunee Township Fire/EMS Dept certainly would not have grown to what we are today if it wasn't for the support of our residents.

We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge our newest members: Megan Ogea, Scott Koskey and Kolten Klein.

We are currently accepting applications for new members! For more information visit our link on the Township website.



ELECTION UPDATE

The State Special General Election will be held on **Tuesday, November 7th** with Polls open at the Township Hall (Precinct #1) from 7 am to 8 pm.

The Negaunee Township ballot consists of two items: 1.) voting for one individual to serve as Representative in State Legislature 109th District for partial term ending 1/1/2019 – filling the position which had been held by late State Representative John Kivela, and 2.) voting Yes or No for the Negaunee Township Road Improvement Program Millage.

This is the second election where the Township will be using the new optical scan voting equipment paid for through State of Michigan Grant Funding. Marquette County was the first in the State to use the equipment during the August Special Primary election, and we anticipate the November election will also run smoothly.

For additional election information, please visit Michigan.gov/vote where you can:

- View a sample ballot
- Track an absentee ballot
- Find out if you are registered to vote
- Find your voting location

Last but not least, Negaunee Township is always looking for qualified individuals to serve as Election Inspectors. These are paid positions requiring several hours of training every two years in order to maintain State Election Inspector certification. If you are interested or have questions, please contact the Township Clerk's office at 906-475-7869 or e-mail rsertich@negauneetownship.org.

We look forward to seeing you at the polls!

Do you enjoy cross country skiing, snowshoeing or walking? Take advantage of our groomed & lighted trails!

Located behind the Township Hall and off of Kivela Rd by the Shelly Roberts ball field. Trails behind the Hall are lit from dusk to 1 am for your convenience. You can obtain trail maps on our website or in the office.



North Country Disposal will now be collecting garbage on Holiday's effective 9/1/2017

The Township has recycle bins with a cover available for purchase in the office. Get yours for only \$8.00

North Country Disposal has a split body truck which can haul both rubbish and recycling – don't be alarmed if you see them putting both in the same truck!!

Effective January 1, 2018 North Country is no longer picking up glass products with the recycling

Monthly Rubbish Drop Off

Negaunee Township provides a once a month drop off for large rubbish items. This service is on the 3rd Wednesday of each month between the hours of 9-4. To be eligible, your garbage bill must be current. Obtain a ticket from the office before dumping. ONE load per month per household.

Items not permitted: construction materials, refrigerators, air conditioners, hazardous waste, yard waste, windows/doors, tires

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Payments Options:

Auto pay: garbage & water accounts can be set up to come directly out of your checking or savings account (sign up form available in office or website)

Credit/Debit cards: garbage/water & tax payments can be made over the phone or in the office (fees apply)

Cash or Check: Separate checks must be made for garbage, water & taxes as they go to different banks and accounts

Drop box: A locked drop box is available outside the office doors for after hours payments. We do not recommend placing cash in the box.



We now have the ability to e-mail residents water or garbage bills! Sign up forms are available in the office or on the website



