

# KAWKAWLIN TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

## SPRING/SUMMER 2018

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**Office Hours**  
Supervisor, Mon - Wed: 8 - 12, 1 - 5  
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Treasurer, Mon - Thurs: 9 - 12, 1 - 4  
**CLOSED FRIDAYS**

### FROM THE SUPERVISOR

**Hours: Monday–Wednesday 8–12, 1–5**

The bathrooms in the park are open. We also have put new mulch in the two play-scapes. We have purchased two picnic tables for the large playscape and will be putting them out shortly. Please enjoy these additions.

Reminder about the burn pile in the southwest corner of the park. This is for residents only and NOT FOR COMMERCIAL TREE TRIMMERS. Brush up to 2 inch in diameter. NO root balls or anything larger than 2 inch branches or trunks. This allows the pile to be burned in a day and not smolder for many more. We still have people abusing this policy. If you see someone abusing the policy write down their license number and turn it into the office.

Now that the new Bay Area Water Treatment Plant has gone online the Partners have gotten together and negotiated a new transmission agreement. The tower maintenance and debt for transmission lines will now become a Regional cost. The Kawkawlin Board voted to keep the water cost the same. Quarterly debt charges are being eliminated and a \$15.00 Capital Improvement charge will be added to all water bills. This charge is being put on to satisfy MDEQ requirements. Everyone have a safe and enjoyable summer.

### NOTICE—START OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES NORTH BRANCH KAWKAWLIN RIVER

Beginning on or around June 9, 2018, clean-up work will begin in the north branch of the Kawkawlin river. Approximate project limits will extend from the confluence of the north and south branches of the river, including possible activity at the Monitor Township park, reaching just north of Beaver road. Work will include debris removal, abandoned pipeline removal and potential bank stabilization efforts. The overall goal of this project will be to improve water quality and navigability, helping to promote recreational activities in the river. Construction activities are expected to be substantially completed by August 30, 2018. Residents and users of the river should use caution when spending time in the stretch of the river until activities are complete.

### FROM THE TREASURER

**Hours: Monday–Thursday 9–12, 1–4**

Summer tax bills are due and payable without interest July 1— September 14. When you receive your tax bill, **please open immediately** and check for errors. Some errors need to be corrected at the Board of Review scheduled for July 17, and once corrected may affect the tax amount on your bill. The sooner these errors are caught the easier they are to correct. If you do not receive your tax notice please call the Treasurers Office at 686-8710 ext 223, as the State law says a property owner is responsible for property taxes (including late charges that may accrue) regardless of whether or not a bill was received. If our office is closed you may use the drop box located just outside the door. If you choose to use the drop box or pay by mail and would like a "paid receipt", please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope. We accept cash, check or money order for payment of taxes. We do not accept credit cards. There is 1% interest added monthly to any tax not paid by September 14 and a 3% penalty for any tax not paid by February 14, 2019. Any real property tax still due as of March 1, 2019 needs to be paid to the Bay County Treasurer.

Summer deferments must be applied for by September 14, 2018.

### OFFICE CLOSED

JULY 4  
SEPTEMBER 3  
OCTOBER 8  
NOVEMBER 22  
DECEMBER 24, 25, 26, 31  
JANUARY 1, 2, 21  
FEBRUARY 18

### HOUSE NUMBER SIGNS

*Make sure emergency vehicles can find your house.*

If you would like a green reflective house number sign to put on your mailbox you may come to the office and purchase one for \$15.00.



### DOG/CAT LICENSES

Dog and cat licenses may be purchased at the Kawkawlin Township Office. Please remember to bring your Bay County renewal form along with proof of rabies vaccination.

**FROM THE CLERK****Hours: Tuesday - Thursday 8-12, 1-5**

Kawkawlin Township's 150th anniversary was this past January along with the Fire Departments 70th anniversary. We will be having a joint celebration on July 20 & 21. A few things we have planned will be activities for the kids, historical information about the area, and tractors from years past to present. There will also be a fire-works display on Friday night. The Fire Department also has several activities planned. If you have a business you would like to promote and would like to put up a display, let us know. This will be a fun time, hope to see you there!

There will be 2 elections this year with many State Offices up for election. The Primary will be August 7 and the General will be November 6. Please come out and vote!

**FROM THE ASSESSOR****Hours: Monday 8-12, 1-5**

Another tax season is here. When you get your tax bill, please check it immediately for any errors. Clerical issues can be addressed at the July and December Board of Review. Assessment issues can be addressed by appointment at the March Board of Review.

Make sure you file your *Transfer Affidavit* and your *Principal Residence Affidavit*, when you purchase a new home so that we can make sure you get credit for living at your new residence. If you are buying a home please remember to file a *Home Owners Principal Residence Exemption Affidavit* with the Assessor.

Remember, you can not claim PRE on rental property.

If you are thinking about selling lots or a portion of your property, you **must** file a Land Division Application. Otherwise, the party you are selling the land to will not be able to obtain permits, as this is an illegal split. If you are planning on tearing down a building we require you to purchase a demolition permit for \$10.00. This helps us to keep any non-existing buildings off your assessment.

Also, please remember if you are filing for Personal Property Tax Exemption (form 5076) or Disabled Veterans Exemption (form 5107) it must be done annually. We have these forms in the office and they can also be found Online at [Kawkawlintwp.org](http://Kawkawlintwp.org). or at [Michigan.gov](http://Michigan.gov).

If you have any questions or concerns please call me at (989) 686-8710 or go to [www.michiganassessor.org](http://www.michiganassessor.org).

**FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT - J.M. Burke Jr., Fire Chief****Hours: Monday-Saturday 9-5**

This is a friendly reminder that if you are going to burn any materials at all you must come to the Fire Dept. to obtain and sign for a burning permit (Mon - Sat 9 - 5). If the Fire Department receives any complaints a unit will be dispatched to check the complaint out. If the firefighter determines that the fire is a violation of any of the rules the fire will be extinguished and the permit will be revoked.

*This mandate has been in effect since June of 2005.*

**FIRE HYDRANTS**

If there is a fire hydrant located on or near your property we ask that you please keep it clear of tall grass, weeds, debris and snow.

**Smoke/CO Detectors**

Please remember to change the batteries in your detectors twice a year. A good rule of thumb: change your clocks, change your batteries.

Ever thought about helping people in your community? Ever thought about being a Firefighter?

You don't have to be a world class athlete or a genius with multiple degrees. What it takes is being physically fit, having common sense, and having a willingness to make a commitment to yourself and your community. If you think you have these things then take the first step and come talk to us. We'll figure it out from there.

Thank You for your continued support and have a safe summer!

**BAY COUNTY DIVISION ON AGING—KAWKAWLIN TOWNSHIP  
HALL SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER**

Kawkawlin Senior Activity Center: Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 - 1:30,  
Lunch served at 11:30. Reservations must be made one day in advance by calling  
686-5127, Marla Backus.

Wednesday & Thursday Smear & Euchre 9:00,

Wednesday Line Dancing with Milissa, \$3 fee, at 10:00 (advanced) and 11:00  
(beginner)

Thursday Bingo 12:15-1:30



**STREET LIGHT OUT?**

Call Consumers Energy at 1-800-477-5050 or go to ConsumersEnergy.com. Be ready to give cross streets or address nearest the outage.



**TRASH/RECYCLE**

If you did not get your trash, recycle, or yard waste picked up after you had it out on time on your scheduled day, call 1-800-578-2664 the same day or you won't get it picked up until the next scheduled date. If you need a list of what is acceptable and what is not, you can go to our website: [www.kawkawlintwp.org](http://www.kawkawlintwp.org) and view the recycle guide located under Residents Information/Recycle Yard Waste Schedule. If you have a large item to be picked up you need to call ahead and schedule a pick-up time.

**The last yard waste pick-up will be November 23 & 24.**

A reminder to anyone who is dumping brush in the Southwest corner of the ball field to be burned, please **NO** tires or trash of any kind. It is for brush only, and **twigs/trunks must not be any more than 2" thick**. Anyone caught violating these rules may be fined up to \$500.00



**NEED TO REPORT  
A ROAD PROBLEM**

Go to [bay-coroad.org](http://bay-coroad.org), Citizen Connect and fill out the form .

**2018-2019**

**BOARD MEETINGS 7:00 p.m.**

- June 11, 2018
- July 9, 2018
- August 13, 2018
- September 10, 2018
- October 9, 2018
- November 12, 2018
- December 10, 2018
- January 14, 2019
- February 11, 2019
- March 11, 2019

**PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS 7:00 p.m.**

- July—No Meeting
- August 2, 2018
- September 6, 2018
- October 4, 2018
- November 1, 2018
- December 6, 2018
- January 3, 2019
- February 7, 2019
- March 7, 2019

**BAY COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL**

Scrap tire drive—Fraser Twp. Hall  
1474 N. Mackinaw Rd., Linwood  
Saturday, August 4th  
9:00 am—2:00 pm

Help clean up the environment and eliminate mosquito breeding sites in your neighborhood

Limit of 10 passenger size tires per resident  
Proof of residency—photo ID required  
Tires not accepted on rims  
Passenger and Pick-up tires only  
NO tractor tires  
NO Commercial Businesses, please!!

**\*150th Anniversary \***

Come celebrate with us at  
Kawkawlin Twp Park  
July 20, 5:00 pm  
July 21, 11:00 am  
Fireworks, Food & Drinks, Bounce Houses  
Balloon Art, Antique Tractors/Automobiles  
United States Coast Guard  
Flight Life Helicopter and more



**KAWKAWLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD**

Dennis Bragiel - Supervisor  
Greg Petrimoulx - Clerk  
Melissa Klass - Treasurer  
Melvin McNally - Trustee  
Kendall MacConnell - Trustee

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