

KAWKAWLIN TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

FALL/WINTER 2014

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Office Hours
 Mon—Wed 8:00—12:00, 1:00—5:00
 Thur 9—12, 1—4
 CLOSED FRIDAY

FROM THE TREASURER

Hours Monday–Thursday 9 –12, 1–4 Open Feb 17 & Mar 2 until 5:00

OFFICE CLOSED

Nov 27 Thanksgiving
 Dec 24, 25 Christmas
 Dec 31 New Years Eve
 Jan 1 New Years Day
 Jan 19 Martin Luther
 King Day
 Jan 27, 28, 29 Winter
 Conference
 Feb 16 President’s Day
 May 25 Memorial Day

Winter tax bills are due and payable December 1, 2014 thru February 17, 2015. Please call the Kawkawlin Township Office at 686-8710 if you do not receive your tax notice 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. When you receive your tax bill, **PLEASE open immediately** and check for errors. Some errors need to be corrected through the Board of Review, which takes place the second week of December 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 pay by mail or use the drop box and would like a “paid receipt”, we ask that you please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope. We accept only cash, check or money order for payment of taxes. We do not accept credit cards. Any tax bill not paid by Feb 17 will have a 3% penalty added from Feb. 18—Mar 2, 2015. As of March 3, 2015 all unpaid tax bills (except personal property) will be sent to the Bay County Treasurer’s of-

office for collection.

Dates to remember:

Dec. 24 & 25 Office Closed
 Dec. 31 Office Closed
 Jan. 1, 27—29 Office Closed
 Feb. 16 Office Closed
 Feb. 17 & Mar 2 Treasurer’s Office Open 9:00 -5:00
 All payments must be in Treasurer’s office by 5:00 pm Mar 2, 2015, **post mark will not be accepted.**



**November 4th
 is
 Election Day**

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.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS 7:00 p.m.

Dec 4, 2014
 Jan 1, 2015
 Feb 5, 2015
 Mar 5, 2015
 Apr 2, 2015

BOARD MEETINGS

2014
 Nov 10 7:00 pm Nov 25 4:00 pm
 Dec 8 7:00 pm Dec 23 4:00 pm

2015
 Jan 12 7:00 pm Jan 20 4:00 pm
 Feb 9 7:00 pm Feb 24 4:00 pm
 Mar 9 7:00 pm Mar 24 4:00 pm

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.

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. Also, 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.

If you have any questions or concerns please call me at (989) 686-8710.

FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Hours: Monday-Saturday 9-12 & 1-5

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. 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.

A FEW SAFETY TIPS:

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.

Wood Stoves

Remember to have the chimney's cleaned out before it starts getting to cool outside. It's a good idea to have them inspected before fall or winter.



INTERESTED IN BEING A FIREFIGHTER?

You must be at least 18 yrs of age and a high school graduate or possess a G.E.D. You must fill out an application and upon approval must be willing to have 12 hrs of documented training during your first 6 month probation period. If interested, please contact the fire department 686-8710.



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.

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 recycle date. If you need a list of what is acceptable and what is not, you can go to our website: www.kawkawlintwp.org and view the recycle guide located under Residents Information/Recycle Yard Waste Schedule.

Yard waste pick-up will end November 27 and 28.

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

FROM THE SUPERVISOR

Hours: Monday–Wednesday 8–12, 1–5

November 4th is Election Day

Make sure you get out and exercise your right to vote. Many decisions will be made that will impact your state, county and township.

Road Millage

The Township Board has put the 1 mill for roads back on the ballot. Currently we are putting between \$250,000 and \$300,000 out of the Townships General Fund to maintain, repair and reconstruct local roads. The millage would be about an additional \$140,000 to use on local roads. Unfortunately, some of the local roads have been turned back to gravel. Without any additional funding coming from the state or county road commission more roads may be turned back. The 1 mill millage is \$1 per \$1,000 of taxable value. A home with a \$100,000 Taxable Value would pay \$100.

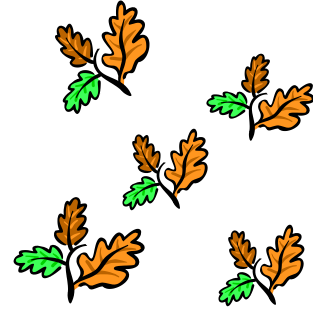
Mail Boxes

The Road Commission asks that you shake our mail box to make sure that it is in good shape with a solid post and box firmly attached to the post. If a snow plow hits your mail box contact the Road Commission to find out about getting it replaced.

Fire Hydrants

If you have a fire hydrant near your house please try and help keep it from being buried by snow. Plow snow away from it so that if it is needed the fire department can find them.

Check out the Township website at www.kawkawlintwp.org for further updates or you are always welcome at our Township meetings to discuss any problems.



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.



Need to Report a Road Problem?



The Bay County Road Commission has a new website for reporting complaints or problems. Go to www.baycoroad.org and click on the Citizen Connect Cloud in the top left corner to fill out the form. You will receive a confirming e-mail to verify that the BCRC received your request.

KAWKAWLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

Dennis Bragiel - Supervisor
Greg Petrimoulx - Clerk
Sandra Klass - Treasurer
Melvin McNally - Trustee
Jack Hetherington - Trustee

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