

# KAWKAWLIN TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

## FALL/WINTER 2015

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**Office Hours**  
Supervisor: Mon, Tue, Wed 8:00-12:00, 1:00-5:00  
Clerk: Tue, Wed, Thur 8-12, 1-5  
Treasurer: Mon, Tue, Wed, Thur 9-12, 1-4  
**CLOSED FRIDAY**

### FROM THE TREASURER

*Hours Monday–Thursday 9 –12, 1–4 Open Feb 16th & 29th until 5:00*

### OFFICE CLOSED

Nov 26 Thanksgiving  
Dec 24, Christmas Eve  
Dec 31 New Years Eve  
Jan 18 Martin Luther  
King Day  
Feb 15 President’s Day  
May 30 Memorial Day

**CLOSED EVERY FRIDAY**

### MONTHLY TWP UPDATES

If you are interested in receiving monthly email notifications about different things happening in the Township, please send an email to Dennis Bragiel at: [supervisor@kawkawlintwp.org](mailto:supervisor@kawkawlintwp.org) And reference Twp Updates on the subject line, and we will add you to our email list.

### 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.

Winter tax bills are due and payable December 1, 2015 thru February 16, 2016. 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 16 will have a 3% penalty added from Feb. 17-29, 2016. As of March 1, 2016 all unpaid tax bills (except personal property) will be sent to the Bay County Treasurer’s of-

fice for collection.

### **Dates to remember:**

Dec. 24 Office Closed  
Dec. 31 Office Closed  
Jan. 18 Office Closed  
Feb. 15 Office Closed  
Feb. 16 & 29 Treasurer’s Office Open 9:00 -5:00

All payments must be in Treasurer’s office by 5:00 pm Feb 29, 2016, **post mark will not be accepted.**



### FROM THE CLERK

**Hours: Tuesday—Thursday 8—12, 1—5**

By now I’m sure you have heard that there will be a Presidential Primary on March 8, 2016. If you plan on voting, and are not already a registered voter, please make sure you are registered by February 1, 2016. There will also be elections in August and November of 2016. More information to come in the Summer Newsletter.



**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.

Every February you receive a property assessment change notice in the mail. Please look it over and make sure everything looks correct. A couple of things to look

For would be your property/owner address and your PRE (principal residence exemption). If it is your principal residence it should say 100%, if it is not your principal residence it will be 0%.

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. Also, when you are selling a home please remember to fill out a *Request to Rescind PRE* on the home you are selling.

Please be aware that if you own more than one home you can only claim PRE on the one that is your principal residence. Rental units do not qualify for PRE.

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.

Personal Property and Veterans Exemption forms need to be filed yearly in order to get the exemptions. The forms can be found on our Website or are available here in the office

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. And, Thank You to those of you who do. We appreciate it.

**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 your 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 FIRE-FIGHTER?**

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 686-1120.

**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](http://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**



The township has been granted a 50/50 matching Grant from the MICHIGAN TOWNSHIP PARTICIPATING PLAN, our insurance provider, to install security cameras in our Township park and at Heavenly Rest Cemetery. Hopefully, these systems will help cut down the break-ins and theft of other items.

Also, we have applied for a grant through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative to restore the Kawkawlin River from the main branch to Beaver Road. This involves removing dead trees and eroded soil damming the river. We plan to try and secure funding to restore the river all through the Township.

**Hall Air-Conditioning**

The Township Hall is now air-conditioned. Hall renters will now be able to enjoy the Hall with added comfort. Please help pass the word around to all your friends and relatives.

**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](http://www.kawkawlintwp.org) for further updates or you are always welcome at our Township meetings to discuss any problems.*



**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.

**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](http://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.

**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.



The Michigan DNR is reminding hunters and everyone else to be cautious when lighting campfires this season. A warm beginning to Autumn has increased the chances of a wildfire. The DNR recently responded to several fires, both in the Upper and Lower peninsulas. Remembering the basics of fire safety will help ensure that this hunting season isn't ruined by a wildfire. A few general precautions: Never leave a fire unattended, clear the area of leaves and dry fuel before lighting the fire, don't park a vehicle in dry grass, avoid outdoor burning when its windy. So far this year, the DNR has responded to a total of 341 wildfires, which have burned 2,920 acres. Be SAFE this hunting season.



## KAWKAWLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

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

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

Dec 3, 2015  
Jan 7, 2016  
Feb 4, 2016  
Mar 3, 2016

### BOARD MEETINGS

2015  
Nov 9 7:00 pm    Nov 24 4:00 pm  
Dec 14 7:00 pm    Dec 29 4:00 pm

2016  
Jan 11 7:00 pm    Jan 26 4:00 pm  
Feb 8 7:00 pm    Feb 23 4:00 pm  
Mar 14 7:00 pm    Mar 29 4:00 pm

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