

Charter Township of Ironwood

Spring/Summer 2019 Newsletter
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Farmers Market

Opening day is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, July 9th from 4-6pm at the Airport Park Pavilion and every Tuesday thru October 15th (weather permitting). Come out and enjoy with your family and friends. They will have outdoor activities as well as great produce, bakery, jams and jellies, fresh eggs, and pastured meats. Use your WIC, Senior Project Fresh coupons and SNAP Benefits are now allowed! *Check out the Ironwood Township Farmers Market Facebook page for different weekly activities.* Looking forward to seeing you there!

Ironwood Township Taxpayer

Summer taxes will be mailed on July 1st. Winter taxes will be mailed on December 1st. If you pay your taxes by mail, please enclose the payment stub or the Parcel ID number(s) with your payment. If you wish to receive a receipt, please send a self-addressed stamped envelope with payment. Payments must be postmarked or in office by September 14, 2019 and February 14th, 2020 to avoid interest and penalties.

Assessments and Board of Review

The March Board of Review which will hear tax appeals will be on the following dates: Tuesday, March 5, 2019-4:30 pm. (Organizational—not for public tax appeals) **Tax Appeals Dates:** Monday, March 11, 2019- 9:00am-3:00pm Tuesday, March 12, 2019- 4:30pm- 7:30pm and Thursday, March 14, 2019- 4:30pm – 7:30pm. The State Tax Commission is requiring that local governments reassess a minimum 20% of the property in their jurisdiction each year. Therefore, all parts of the township are subject to reassessment which includes pictures of your buildings. Our assessor is Dave Hardie and if you have any questions about your property assessment please call him at 906-932-5180.

Garbage

Please remember to have your garbage out by **7:00 a.m.** on your scheduled pickup day as per our garbage ordinance. Please bag all loose garbage for sanitary/ safety reasons or it will not be picked up. Also, the weekly limit is **TWO** cans or **TWO** regular large bags (**not contractor or lawn bags**). We do sell bags at the township office if you have extra garbage; the bags are available at a cost of \$1.50 per bag. Recycling bins are available behind the Township Office for cardboard and paper only. **Please call the office or check on our website for any changes in garbage pickup dates during holiday weeks! If you miss your garbage during these weeks you will have to hold your garbage until the following week.**

Our Fall Cleanup was very successful again last year. Together we disposed of over 20 tons of garbage, junk and a large quantity of scrap steel. Thanks to all of you who participated and who continually work to keep our township looking good! **Spring cleanup date is set for June 8th, 2019- 8am – noon.** Check with the office or website for items that are NOT allowed to be dropped off.

UP Summerfest Art Fair

May 11th at 10 am – 3 pm located at the Airport park pavilion. All Vendors Welcome but space is limited. Please call the Supervisors office for more details or to reserve your spot. Proceeds will go to the Sunset Rd Park. Arts, crafts, food vendors, etc.!

Township Wide Rummage Sale

Will be held the weekend of Saturday, August 17th. To get your rummage sale listed in the flyer and ad please call the office no later than Tuesday, August 13th! Please call the office for further details or to let us know about your sale!

Please Be Mindful of your Neighbors during Wood Burning Season!

These items should never be burned in your wood burning stove/unit ~**Christmas trees**. It can be tempting to cut up and burn your live Christmas tree in your wood-burning unit. In addition to not being properly seasoned, the wood of your Christmas tree contains high levels of resin. These resins burn quickly and can pop, causing a risk of a chimney fire. ~**Painted or treated lumber** can contain toxic chemicals that are released when burned. Those chemicals are dangerous for you and your family, and can corrode your fireplace. ~**Any type of paper with colored print**, such as wrapping paper, magazines, cereal boxes, and pizza boxes, may release noxious, corrosive, or carcinogenic gases when burned. ~**Plywood, particle board, or chipboard**. Manufactured wood products release toxic fumes and carcinogens when burned. ~Never use **accelerants**, such as kerosene, gasoline, or grill starter fluid to help get your fire started. The accelerants or fire starters can cause flare ups or heat your fire to

extremely high temperatures that are unsafe for your fireplace and chimney. ~Any type of **household plastic**, whether its bubble wrap or a plastic cup, should not be burned in a fireplace. Plastics release toxic chemicals, including hydrochloric acid, sulfur dioxide, dioxins, and heavy metals, that are dangerous for your health and bad for the environment. ~**Dryer lint** may be an effective fire starter, but it can release toxic chemicals into your home and up your chimney. ~**Cardboard** can release toxic chemicals when burned, especially if it has been printed with a logo. ~Even dried out **driftwood** shouldn't be burned because when burned, it can possibly release salt that can corrode your fireplace and chimney. *Remember that the best fuel for your fireplace is the fuel it was built for. Pellets for pellet stoves and dry, seasoned firewood or manufactured fire logs for a wood-burning fireplace/woodstove. Any other type of fuel puts your home at risk of toxic fumes or chimney fires.*

Roads Road repair costs have increased greatly. In 2018 the township spent about \$134435.42 In addition the Gogebic County Road Commission authorized our township to receive \$25,000 for graveling that was mainly used on N Moore Rd. The Road Commission has authorized roughly \$39,000 to be spent on gravel for the 2019 summer season. After the snow melts, we will determine where the greatest needs are. If you are aware of any roads in the township in need of gravel, please contact the Supervisors office.

ACH (Automated Clearing House) Payments

If you are interested in this payment option for your monthly water/sewer bills or your quarterly garbage bills, please contact the Treasurer's office to sign up. We can directly debit your account for your payment convenience! The form to get this started is available on our website under the documents and forms tab, in the office or we can mail one to you to fill out and return.

Website

We encourage everyone to view our website. We are updating the site daily. You can find applications for building permits, absentee voter forms, phone numbers, zoning ordinances, economic development information, meeting minutes, some nice pictures of our area and township demographics. Our Clerk, Mary Segalin and our Deputy Clerk, Lynn, update the site often, make corrections, and see to it that the information is current and relevant. You can pay your water/sewer and garbage bills online! During tax season only you will also be able to pay your **current** property tax bill online. *A minimum 3% fee is charged by Govpay.net to do so.* Our website address is listed on the side column.

Cemetery

Items can be placed at gravesites starting Mother's day weekend. Please keep all items placed at gravesites easily moveable for landscaping during the summer months. Maintenance requests that all items be removed from the cemetery by Sept 30th, 2019. Any items left will be removed and thrown away after that date.

Gymnasium Rental

Our gym is open during the week free of charge during regular office hours 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. All users must sign in at the office. All minors must be accompanied by a legal adult. After hours, the gym is available at a rental cost of \$5 per hour. The gym is also available to rent for parties or events on the weekends. Call now to learn about the new gym rules and if you are interested in reserving gym time! Times fill up quickly...

General Information

- General Office hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Board Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month at 5:30 p.m. in the township office board room.
- We have a computer for township residents to use at no charge during working hours from the Bessemer Public Library. We also have a secure drop box in front of our building to return any library items.
- We have a locked drop box located by the main entry door of our building if you need to drop a payment off after hours or when the treasurer's office is unavailable.

Checks or money orders only please!

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Brush Burning

www.dnr.state.mi.us/burnpermits/

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