

# Charter Township of Ironwood

Summer/Fall 2018 Newsletter

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## Farmers Market

Opening day is scheduled for Tuesday, July 10th from 4-6pm at the Airport Park Pavilion and every Tuesday thru October 9th or 16th (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 new this year SNAP Benefits are now allowed! *Check out the Ironwood Township Farmers Market Facebook page for different weekly activities.* Looking forward to seeing you there!

## Parking near the Airport Recreation Park

Please note by order of the Michigan State Police, there will be no parking on Airport Road near the Airport Recreation Park. There is parking on Skyway Road and also at the pavilion.

## Ironwood Township Taxpayer

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 by September 14, 2018 to avoid penalties. The July Board of Review will meet on Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. in the Ironwood Township Office. This meeting is for errors and omissions, principal resident exemptions and to consider poverty exemptions.

## 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 large bags. We do sell bags here 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!***

Our Spring Cleanup was very successful again this year. Together we disposed of 20.73 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! Our volunteer fire department also picked up trash along Lake Road this year. We will be discussing a fall cleanup date in September for anyone that was unable to make this one. Check with the office or website for that date **if approved** by the board.

## Election News

The State Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 and the State General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018. The State Election Registration Deadlines are: **July 9, 2018**-Last day to register for August primary and **Oct. 9, 2018**-Last day to register for November general election. Absentee applications to vote are available by calling Mary Segalin, Clerk, at 906-932-8446.

## Ambulance Service News

As you may know, Beacon Ambulance has served the residents of western Gogebic County for many years. In March of this year due to falling revenues and operating at a loss, they notified the County that they could no longer operate here. To avoid the possibility of not having ambulance service, all of the townships, cities, and the county have been meeting since then. Beacon allowed us to review their financial statements and their independent audits. Due to a number of factors including declining population, declining reimbursements for Medicare/Medicaid, increased costs for equipment, the lack of insurance coverage by patients, the operation was losing money. To avoid a crisis, we all agreed to contribute to the operation until January 2019. The amount needed was \$185,000. Gogebic County will contribute \$92,500 or half, and the other half will come from each governmental unit's share based on population. Ironwood Township will contribute \$13,850. The highest contribution will come from the City of Ironwood at \$33,860. The Gogebic County Board will be looking at a long term solution over the next couple of months.

### **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, links to businesses in Ironwood Township, recreational sites, a calendar of events, meeting minutes, some nice pictures of our area and township demographics. Our Clerk, Mary Segalin and our Deputy Clerk, Lynn Coron, update the site often, make corrections, and see to it that the information is current and relevant.

You can now 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 utilize there company to do so.*



Our website address is [www.ironwoodtownship.com](http://www.ironwoodtownship.com)

### **UP Summerfest Art Fair**

August 18<sup>th</sup> at 10 am – 3 pm at the Airport park pavilion. Vendors Welcome. Please call the Supervisors office for more details. Proceeds will go to the Volunteer Fire Department. Arts, crafts, pony rides, food trucks/vendors, etc!

### **Township Wide Rummage Sale**

Will be held Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. To get your rummage sale listed in the flyer and ad please call the office no later than Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>! Please call the office for further details.

### **Cemetery**

Please remove all items from the cemetery by September 30th, 2018.

### **The Fire Dept Halloween Fun Frolic, Christmas for Kids and Frost Fest**

Please check our website and/or office for further details!

### **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 registered 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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**

## Contact us at:

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### *Brush Burning*

[www.dnr.state.mi.us/burnpermits/](http://www.dnr.state.mi.us/burnpermits/)

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