

SCHEDULES and EVENTS

Town Board
(second Tuesday at 7 pm)
July 12
August 9
September 13

Town Board Work Session
(fourth Thursday at 7 pm)
July 28
August 25
September 22

Planning Commission
(third Monday at 7 pm)
July 18
August 15
September 19

Zoning Board of Appeals
(second Thursday at 7 pm)
July 14
August 11
September 8

Park Commission
(first Wednesday at 7 pm)
*note change of date
July 13*
August 3
September 7

Fire Board
(first Monday at 7 pm)
*note change of date
July 11*
August 1
September 12*

Board of Review
Tuesday July 19 – 9 am to 11 am
Correction of clerical errors and mistakes of fact only

Peninsula Community Library
Monday and Thursday – 9 am to 9 pm
Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday – 9 am to 5:30 pm
Saturday – 9 am to 1 pm
Summer Book Club for children, teens and adults

Library Picnic in the Park
Pack your picnic for a fun evening entertainment
July 25 and August 29 – 6 pm at Bowers Harbor Park

Peninsula Library Annual Book Sale
July 20 to 23 at the library

Old Mission Peninsula Historical Society
August 18 – Eeyawing Museum Tour
September 1 – Bagley Cemetery Tour

American Legion Dinners
(first and third Tuesday at 6:30 pm)
American Legion Hall on Swaney Road

Cherry Festival Race
July 9 – 7 am to 11 am
East Shore Rd to McKinley to Peninsula Dr

Cherry Festival Old Mission Bike Tour
July 3 – 9 am to 1 pm

Traverse City Triathlon
August 21
Bowers Harbor area
www.enduranceevolution.com

Peter Dougherty Society Fundraiser
Evening of August 4
Peninsula Room
Jolly Pumpkin Restaurant

Compactor Station Hours
Wednesday – noon to 6 pm
Saturday – 9 am to 5 pm
Recycling at any time

The Peninsula Township Office is open Monday through Thursday. Monday hours are 7:30 am to 6:30 pm. Tuesday through Thursday hours are 7:30 am to 5:00 pm. The Office is closed on Friday. The Office is closed on Monday, July 4 (Independence Day) and Monday, September 5 (Labor Day).

Mission Point Lighthouse
Museum Admission - 2011

VOUCHER

Good for free admission for bearer and guests. Coupon required. Valid for up to six persons. Can not be duplicated. Single use only.

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NEWS YOU CAN USE!

PENINSULA TOWNSHIP

Summer 2011

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HOT TOPICS

New Peninsula Township Conservation Easement Program

Peninsula Township taxpayers have been successful in retaining open space and protecting agricultural land through the Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) program. However, all of the funding from taxes collected has been committed to development rights purchases and we can no longer purchase more with the current millage. To protect more farmland and open space, the township is developing a new ordinance which allows residents to donate the development rights from their property to the township. Any potential development rights donations will require review similar to the PDR program standards. Township staff will create the initial baseline report and perform annual monitoring of the properties. Private property owners who choose to participate will be responsible for a survey, appraisal and title work before a conservation easement would be accepted by the Town Board. Anyone who is interested in a donation should speak with professional accounting and legal counsel prior to participating as there may be tax implications. If you are interested, plan to attend the July 12th Town Board meeting. In the meantime, you may direct questions and comments about the conservation easement program to the Planner.

SPECIAL USE PERMITS (SUP), ORDINANCES (ORD), AND ISSUES CURRENTLY BEING DISCUSSED AT EITHER THE TOWN BOARD OR PLANNING COMMISSION

SUP No. 117 – St Joseph Catholic – Church construction of a 500 seat church and rectory, adjacent to the Catholic Cemetery near Island View Road

ORD No. 188 – Removal of Section 5.7.4 Special Exceptions, was approved by the Town Board in June

MASTER PLAN – Public Hearing at the July 12th Town Board meeting

STAY INFORMED

Plan to attend the meetings, write letters and call Planning Commission and Town Board members to voice your concerns on these and other issues. To keep up with notices, agendas, reports, minutes and meetings, check the web site regularly at www.peninsulatownship.com. Notice of Public Hearings and a synopsis of Town Board meeting minutes are also found in the Record Eagle classified section. The Town Board and Planning Commission have additional posted/open meetings at the Town Hall other than the regularly scheduled monthly meetings.

NEWSLETTER

Peninsula Township
13235 Center Road
Traverse City, MI 49686



KUDOS

- ▶ Pam VanderMey (with 25 years of service) and Taylor Lizenby and Meghan Nichols are retiring from the Fire Department. These women have served on the Fire Departments EMS team and have assisted our firefighters. They are recognized and appreciated for their dedication to the community.
- ▶ Thanks to Nick Kroupa for placing American flags at the gravesites of our veterans and the Old Mission Women's Club for the cheerful flower boxes at the township office.
- ▶ The Park Commission appreciates the following Adopt-A-Park participants: Archie Park – Old Mission Message Therapy; Haserot Beach – Michigan Gutters, Inc.; Lighthouse Park – the Burnside Family; Pelizzari Natural Area – Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy. The Old Mission Replica Church, Bowers Harbor Park, Ridgewood Road and Brinkman Road Trailheads and associated trails at Old Mission Point Park remain to be adopted. Call 941-9119 for more information or to volunteer.
- ▶ Monica Hoffman, Clerk, earned the designation of Certified Municipal Clerk, awarded by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, Inc. The CMC designation is granted to Clerks who complete specific education requirements and have a record of significant contribution to their local government, community and state.
- ▶ Thanks to Brit Eaton for providing a sign from the historic Friedrich Tower.

DID YOU KNOW

According to the 2010 Census, Peninsula Township increased in population by 168 people bringing our total population to 5448. The State of Michigan continues to be the 8th largest state in the nation but has lost almost 55,000 citizens. As a result of the census figures, the state will lose a seat in the US House of Representatives.

Grand Traverse County Road Commission partnered with the township to re-gravel Ridgewood Road and portions of Montague Road and Peninsula Drive. Peninsula Township provided the gravel and the road commission provided the labor. Future improvements include re-graveling portions of Swaney, Old Mission and Carroll roads.

If you enjoy maritime history, you will want to visit the Old Mission Lighthouse to see the 5th Order Fresnel lens on loan from the Coast Guard.

HELP WANTED

Two alternates are needed for the Board of Review. The Board of Review hears appeals of valuation, classification and exemption status and identifies clerical errors and mistakes of fact. Contact the Assessor if you are interested in serving.

Appointments to the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals are made in August. Citizens serve for three years and represent the interests of the township. Contact the Planner if interested.

The Park Commission is seeking volunteers with construction experience to assemble and install information kiosks at our parks. All materials and plans will be provided. Volunteers will be prominently recognized on the kiosks once they are installed. Call 941-9119.

OPERATING INFO

- ▶ The township is providing a free public internet signal at the township office. When you search for available networks on your wireless device, the network name "PTPUBLIC" will appear. No password is required.
- ▶ Additional grave sites are now available at the Bohemian Cemetery on Neah-Ta-Wanta Road. The Peninsula Cemetery has burial sites available too, including a pet section. Contact the Clerk for more information.
- ▶ This begins the third year for the treatment of phragmites along the shoreline. In early July, the Watershed Center will complete the survey work to identify new stands of phragmites. Funding for the 2011 treatment costs comes from the Sustain Our Great Lakes DNR grant. However, this is the last year for state funding so the township will continue accepting donations for our Phragmites Fund. To date, individuals and shoreline associations have privately contributed over \$12,000. THANKS!
- ▶ The Watershed Center will discuss the Peninsula Township ordinance relating to shoreline issues and water quality protection on July 6th at a 6:30 pm Special Meeting at the Town Hall. All are welcome.
- ▶ The Township's main Fire Station (at Mapleton) is now staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with two members of the Fire Department. This 24/7 staffing is funded with the money generated by billing insurance companies for medical transports when a patient must be transported in our EMS vehicle to Munson. Please stop by the station anytime of the day or night and say "hello" to our employees who are there to assist you.
- ▶ One of the most prevalent type of outdoor lighting in the township that does not meet our Dark Night Sky Ordinance is the mercury vapor barn/yard/security light. At least two of the major manufacturers of this type of fixture have stopped making them and no one knows how long replacements will be available. If you have one of these fixtures and you have to replace it or can't buy bulbs for it anymore, please remember that our ordinance requires that you replace it with a fixture that is Dark Night Sky compliant. For more information call the Zoning Administrator.
- ▶ Our parks get a lot of use in the summertime, by young and old alike. When you take your dog for a walk in the park, your pet must be leashed. Your dog may be your best friend but not everyone likes all that affection. If you forgot to bring your doggie bag for pet waste removal, mutt mitts are available at the parking areas. Please use them!

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| Peninsula Comm. Library | 223-7700 |
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