



NEWS YOU CAN USE!

PENINSULA TOWNSHIP

Summer/Autmn 2013

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HOT TOPICS

- The Catholic Diocese of Gaylord is relocating St. Joseph Catholic Church from the Mapleton area to a new development site near Island View and Center Roads. The historic building was originally constructed in 1908 with renovations in 1949 and 1968 to accommodate more parishioners and provide a choir loft. The old church building is being moved from its current location at Blue Water Road and relocated $\frac{3}{4}$ mile south to the new site. This third expansion will add 100 seats, a larger social hall, church offices, meeting rooms and a rectory. Moving the church will occur on two consecutive days (Tuesday, August 13 and Wednesday, August 14). On August 13, the church building will be moved south on Center Road between the hours of 7am and 11am. There will be a few electric customers affected by this part of the move and they will be contacted by Consumers Energy in advance. Traffic will be redirected off Center Road between Blue Water and Island View that morning. On Wednesday, August 14, the church structure will be moved under power lines located on the new property. No traffic will be impacted on Center Road that day. However, there will be a power outage at about 4am that will impact all Consumer Energy customers living north of Gray Road. Electric service will be restored no later than 6am that day. Consumers Energy is confident of the accuracy of this outage time based on the nature of this routine scheduled work.

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 was approved to begin construction at the Island View and Center Roads site.
- SUP No.118 – Oosterhouse Chateau Winery was approved to begin construction at the Nelson and Center Roads site.
- The Planning Commission is reviewing standards for Bed and Breakfast Establishments, particularly Zoning Ordinance Section 8.7.3(6).
- The Town Board, Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals are reviewing road standards and acreage calculations for development, particularly Zoning Ordinance Section 7.10.

KUDOS

- Welcome to Michelle Reardon, Director of Planning and Zoning. Michelle received her BS in Urban and Regional Planning from Eastern Michigan University and an MA in Public Administration



from Western Michigan University. She joins us with 10+ years experience in local, county and regional planning as well as non-profit management. She enjoys spending time with her family in and around the Traverse City area.

- The Park Commission selected Elizabeth Smith to serve as the Lighthouse and Parks Director. Linda Goode was selected to direct the Summer Recreation Program. Bob Wilkinson has been working for the township since March. Bob manages all maintenance of township and park properties. Welcome all.
- Bill Stott has taken on the responsibility of spraying poison ivy throughout the state park trails, a job that helps curb this invasive plant. Thanks Bill and be sure to cover up so you don't catch it!
- Boy Scout Troop No. 34 and Cub Scout Pack No. 26 continue the clean-up of the old farm dump sites at Lighthouse Park. The boys are working on their Earth Stewardship badges. This year they were assisted by Andy Gale of Bay Area Recycling. Andy provided barrels, his pick-up truck and a trailer. Part of the trash included parts from an old, abandoned vehicle. Thanks boys and Andy!
- The geranium tubs at the Township Office were donated by Terry Harding, and planted by Brenda Kelly and the Old Mission Women's Club. Each year these planters provide a cheerful greeting for visitors.
- The Dougherty House improvements (restoration of the windows in the 1842 historic house as well as the circa 1900 cutter) were funded largely by the Questor Chapter Wequetong No. 781. These financial gifts amounted to approximately \$10,000 and are greatly appreciated by the Township.

DID YOU KNOW?

- USA Today designated M-37(Center Rd.) as one of the 10 most beautiful drives in America. This speaks volumes to the efforts made in our community to preserve this beautiful land keeping it special for all to enjoy.
- The Township has applied for a DNR grant to purchase additional land adjacent to Bowers Harbor Park on Devils Dive Road. If approved by the DNR, the park acreage would increase by 58 acres, bringing the total park acreage at Bowers Harbor to 79 acres. We are only in the first steps of this endeavor and will keep you posted. The Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy is helping us with negotiations and financing of the local match. The Township is also negotiating an additional DNR boat launch in Old Mission. Our current DNR boat launches in Bowers Harbor and at Center and East Shore Roads are heavily used. The Old Mission site would provide better access to the open waters of East Bay and allow Haserot Beach to operate primarily as a swimming facility. We are fortunate to have beautiful parks located throughout the peninsula and encourage you to enjoy them with your families and friends.
- Grand Traverse County is the first county in Michigan to provide an on-line service that gives 911 responders additional information when calls come

- in. This is a free service and you can choose to share personal information (home/work addresses, medical history, pets) or whatever you think is important for responders to know in case of an emergency. Contact smart911.com if you are interested in this service.
- Our Dark Night Sky ordinance encourages everyone to eliminate or limit the use of outdoor lighting fixtures. All new outdoor lighting fixtures are required to have full shielding (per Zoning Ordinance Section 7.14). Conserve electrical energy and enjoy our beautiful summer night sky.
- Just a reminder about phragmites: late summer into early autumn is the time for spraying any remnant patches of this invasive plant. A public hearing is being scheduled for this summer if you choose to exempt your property from the program. Since this is now a maintenance program, we will spray 1/2 of the Peninsula one year and the other half the following year. You will be notified by postcard if it is your year for spraying.

OPERATING INFO

- The Northwestern Michigan College millage vote is on August 6 at Precincts No.1 and No.2 between the hours of 7am and 8pm. Contact the Clerk's Office regarding absentee ballots.
- The Board of Review meets on July 16 from 9am to 11am. Contact the Assessor's office to schedule an appointment.
- Contact the Treasurer's office if you have any questions about your summer tax bill. Here are some things to consider: Summer taxes are due to the Treasurer by Monday, September 16th This year's tax bills include a notice about delinquent taxes from 2012 that were turned over to the County Treasurer on March 1, 2013. Summer taxes can be deferred until February 18th if you qualify for the deferment. There are two ways to qualify: your annual income must be under \$40,000 and one of the following must apply:
 - 1.) age 62 or older and a paraplegic, quadriplegic or blind, eligible service person, veteran, widow or widower totally and permanently disabled.
 - 2.) the property is classified or used as agricultural real property and the gross receipts of agricultural or horticultural operations in the previous year are not less than the household income for the preceding calendar year.

HELP WANTED

Zoning Board of Appeals, Fire Board and Planning Commission appointments are made in August of each year. If you are interested in applying for any of these positions, contact the Clerk's Office. Resumes must be received by 4pm on July 15th.

Town Board

(2nd Tuesday at 7pm)
 July 9
 August 13
 September 10
 October 8

The Town Board also meets on the 4th Monday

each month at 1pm if there is additional business to discuss

Planning Commission

(third Monday at 7pm)
 July 15
 August 19
 September 16
 October 21

Zoning Board of Appeals

(2nd Thursday at 7 pm)
 July 11
 August 8
 September 12
 October 10

Park Commission

(1st Wednesday at 7 pm)
 July 3
 August 7
 September 4
 October 2

Fire Board

(1st Monday at 7pm)
 July 1
 August 5
 September 9*
 October 7

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; closed Saturdays during the summer

Annual Used Book Sale at the Library

July 18 from 4 to 7 pm members only; public 7 to 9 pm
 July 19 from 9 am to 5:30 pm
 July 20 from 9 am to 1 pm
 Books sell for \$2 a bag the following week
 Donations are welcome

Old Mission Historical Society

first Thursday 7 pm beginning in August

American Legion Dinners

1st and 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 pm
 American Legion Hall on Swaney Road

Historic Dougherty House Annual Fund Raiser Grand Traverse Yacht Club

August 3rd - 5:30 to 8 pm
 \$45 per ticket
 Call 223-8778 for information

Peninsula Fire and Rescue Association Pig Roast

August 3rd
 11am to 3 pm at Firestation No. 1 Mapleton

TC Triathlon

Bowers Harbor Park
 Sunday October 13 - 8 am

Lighthouse Half-Marathon

Sunday, October 13 at 8 am to 10 am
 Check lighthousehalf.com for information

Compactor Station

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 through 5:30 pm.
 The office is closed on Friday.
 The office is also closed on Thursday, July 4th (Independence Day) and Monday, September 2nd (Labor Day).

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Peninsula Community Library 223-7700

Park Pavilion Reservations 645-0759

Meeting Room Reservations 223-7322

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