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PENINSULA TOWNSHIP

Spring 2014

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HOT TOPICS

In December 2013, the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund recommended approval for a DNR grant for two acquisitions on the Peninsula. The first approval is for a 58 acre property north of Devil's Dive Road and adjacent to Bowers Harbor Park. The property had been approved by the Township to be developed as a 42 unit subdivision known as The Orchards at Bowers Harbor. Acquisition of the property would triple the size of Bowers Harbor Park. The second approval is for an 8.1 acre property on East Bay, close to Haserot Beach in Old Mission. This property was to be developed as a 10 unit subdivision known as Old Mooring Place. Final funding for both proposals is anticipated in 2014, at which time public hearings will be held to solicit public input.

SPECIAL USE PERMITS (SUP), ORDINANCES (ORD), AND ISSUES CURRENTLY BEING DISCUSSED AT THE TOWNSHIP

- SUP#115-2nd Amendment-Brys Estates requests for a second wine tasting room.
- SUP#120-The AT&T request for a cell tower on Center Road was withdrawn in December but another application may come before the Township.
- The Planning Commission is reviewing the Zoning Ordinance regarding private road standards and a proposed Large Events Ordinance.
- The Park Commission has had a Public Hearing to discuss improvements to the two existing baseball fields at Bowers Harbor Park to serve Little League activities.

STAY INFORMED

Plan to attend the meetings, write letters and call Planning Commission and Township 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 Township Board meeting minutes are also found in the Record Eagle classified section. The Township Board and Planning Commission have additional posted/open meetings at the Township Hall other than the regularly scheduled monthly meetings.

KUDOS

We thank Elizabeth Smith (Lighthouse & Parks Director), Allison O'Keefe (Park Commission), Dave Sanger (Fire Board), and Jarrod Bilacic (Deputy Sheriff) for their service to the Township. Steve Love has been appointed to the Park Commission, Tom Maguire has been reappointed to the Planning Commission and David Suhy is our new Community Police Officer.

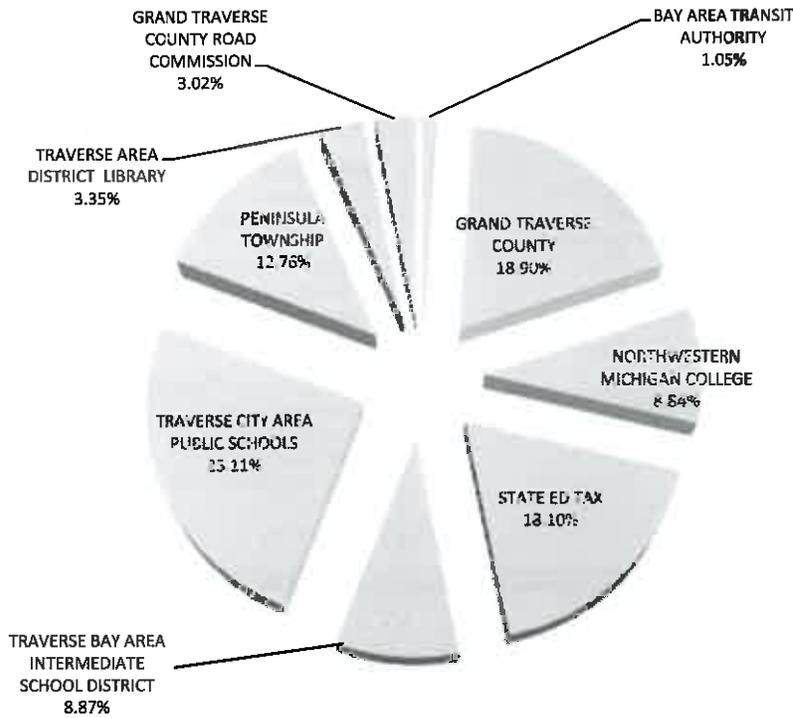
DID YOU KNOW?

- Pete Correia was appointed to serve as Supervisor until the midterm election in November. Pete has lived on the Peninsula since 1983 and has worked in the private sector for 43 years. He is looking forward to working with Peninsula Township Residents. Welcome Pete!
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- Speaking of new personnel, Celia Villac has been hired as our Lighthouse Manager. The lighthouse will be open for tours and gift shopping from April through October (10am to 5pm). Lighthouse volunteers are welcome to contact Celia at missionpointlight@gmail.com or (231) 645-0759. The work is interesting and the schedules are flexible.
 - The 32nd Annual Bayshore Marathon is set for Saturday, May 24th. The half marathon has a new starting point, which will begin at Bowers Harbor Park at 7:30am. Be sure to check the website for the course route and road closings. The full marathon and the 10K will use Bluff, Center and East Shore Roads as in the past. Peninsula Drive will be open for public travel.
 - Kama Ross, Conservation District Forester, will provide free landowner assistance regarding forest diseases, insect control, wildlife habitat and timber production. Major woodland disease problems in our area include emerald ash borer, beech fungus and red oak leaf wilt. Contact her with questions and concerns at 231-256-9783 or kama.ross@macd.org.
 - The Township wants to thank the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians for their generous award to the Peter Dougherty Society of \$8,960. This gift will be applied towards the Jeffis Family 1 for 2 Challenge Grant of \$156,942 for renovations of the Dougherty House.

OPERATING INFO

- Due to the resignations of Rob Manigold (Supervisor), Jon Schmidtke (Library Board) and Allison O'Keefe (Parks Commission), the Township will have three elected positions on the August Primary and the November General Election ballots. If you are interested in running for one of these positions contact the Clerk for further information.

- Where do my tax dollars go? This chart represents how your tax dollars are distributed. These figures were prepared by the Township Treasurer, 231-223-4484.



- Grand Traverse County Emergency Management has implemented the CodeRED system to provide emergency communications such as evacuation notices and missing child alerts. If you do not use a landline telephone connection, you must enroll alternate phone numbers with the county emergency management office. The home page of the Grand Traverse County website has a link to register alternate communication systems (www.co.grand-traverse.mi.us).

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Old Mission Penin. School 933-7420

Peninsula Comm. Library 223-7700

Sheriff (non-emergency) 223-4525

SCHEDULES and EVENTS

Township Board
(second Tuesday at 7pm)
March 11
April 8
May 13
June 10
Township Board also meets on the 4th Monday at 1pm if there is additional business

Planning Commission
(third Monday at 7pm)
March 17
April 21
May 19
June 16

Zoning Board of Appeals
(second Thursday at 7pm)
March 13
April 10
May 8
June 12

Park Commission
(first Wednesday at 7pm)
March
April 2
May 7
June 4

Fire Board
(first Monday at 7pm)
March 3

April 7
May 5
June 2

Board of Review
March 10-9am-noon, 1:30-5:30pm, 7-10pm
March 11-9am-11am

Peninsula Community Library
Monday and Thursday – 9am to 9pm
Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday – 9am to 5:30pm
Saturday – 9am to 1pm
Story Stew - first and third Thursday – 9:30am

Old Mission Peninsula School Talent Show
March 12 – 6 to 8pm

Spring Recycle Smart
American Waste at 280 Hughes Drive
Sunday – March 9 - 9am-3pm
Look for a list of acceptable material at:
CleanUpGreenUp.com

Blessing of the Blossoms
Chateau Chantal
May 18 – noon

Wineries of Old Mission
Blossom Days – May 17-18
Diva's Uncorked - June 13
9:30 to 5:30pm

Bayshore Marathon
May 24 – 7am to noon
bayshoremarathon.org

Old Mission Women's Club Garage Sale
American Legion Hall in Old Mission
May 16th-17th – 8am to 4pm

Log Cabin Days at Lighthouse Park and Old Mission
Historic Hessler Log Cabin and Dougherty House
June 29th -11am to 3pm

Old Mission Peninsula Historical Society
(first Thursday at 7pm)
omhistoricalsociety.org

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

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

The Peninsula Township Office is open
Monday 7:30am to 6:30pm and Tuesday through Thursday 7:30am to 5:00pm. The office is closed every Friday and on May 26th for Memorial Day

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