



From your Elected Officials, staff members, and Long Lake Fire Rescue. Wishing you a blessed Christmas season.

Long Lake Township

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Tues-Fri 8:00am-5:30pm

Winter Newsletter 2019

POTENTIAL AMBULANCE FOR LONG LAKE TOWNSHIP

At the request of Township residents and the Township Board, Fire-Rescue staff are conducting a detailed study this year aimed at determining the overall costs to provide a full-time staffed Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance based out of the Long Lake Fire Station.

Currently, residents rely upon the Fire Department to provide First Responder Emergency Medical Service during an emergency. However, the ALS ambulance transportation is provided by North Flight EMS. North Flight houses their farthest ambulances in Acme Township, which can, in some circumstances, cause longer wait periods. We have heard from many residents that they would prefer to have an on-site ambulance within Long Lake Township.

The proposed addition of on-site ambulance service in Long Lake Township would provide 24/7/365 Advanced Life Support service to all residents but would require changes to the existing infrastructure to accommodate increased staffing and 24-hour operation. The current fire station does not have living space for paramedics and firefighter/EMTs, nor room for an ambulance. Since expanding the existing fire station is not feasible due to the surrounding park infrastructure, a new station would be constructed approximately 2500 feet east of the current Township Hall to accommodate the expanded service. Township staff would utilize the existing fire station garage for vehicle and grounds maintenance equipment, records storage, and a voting precinct.

Staffing the ambulance and construction of a fire station requires approval from Township voters for an addition to the existing Emergency Services Millage. The current Emergency Services Millage is one (1) mill, which sustains existing Fire-Rescue operations. This millage rate has not changed in over 25 years, and one mill is approximately \$86.00 for the average homeowner.

How much could this cost? Beyond the existing one mill for current Fire-Rescue operations, Fire-Rescue staff estimate the Advanced Life Support ambulance service and a station to house all emergency operations could occur for *under two (2) additional mills*. The average homeowner would pay under three (3) mills total (approximately \$250) for combined Fire-Rescue operations, staffed ALS ambulance, and construction of a fire station.

With current progress on the study, it appears very likely that this addition to the Emergency Services Millage could be brought before Township voters at the August 2020 election. Fire-Rescue staff plan to host multiple informational meetings at the Town Hall in late winter, spring, and summer for Township residents interested in learning more before a vote. Stay tuned to the Township website for more information! www.longlaketownship.com



This beautiful etched stainless steel bench under one of the maple trees at Haywood Park was gifted by the Wheelock family in memory of Bonny and Addison Wheelock. Addison is fifth generation of Wheelocks in this community. Addison lived his entire life in Long Lake Township giving back to his community in many ways, but especially through his years as a volunteer firefighter for Long Lake. Bonny grew up in the neighboring township of Almira but she spent many years greeting and assisting the people of the Long Lake community at Wheelock and Sons Welding. Bonny and Addison spent their entire married life in the Township raising two sons, Addison (Sonny) and Randy. Both Addison and Bonny passed away this past year but their legacy will remain forever in our hearts. In their memory, we hope you enjoy a little bit of quiet time on that beautiful bench in the park.

Karen Rosa, Supervisor

ELECTIONS IN 2020 - FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE

We are gearing up for the busy "2020 Election Year." Currently there are three elections scheduled with a possible fourth in May. This is information that may prove helpful:

MARCH 10, 2020 ----- PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

A Presidential Primary is held to facilitate the selection of candidates by each major party to represent their party in the November General Election.

- Absentee ballots are expected to be delivered to the Clerk's office on January 25, 2020.
- The last day to register for this election is February 25, 2020. After that date, you may register in person at the Clerk's office with proof of residency.

MARCH 10, 2020 ----- PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

MAY 5, 2020 ----- POSSIBLE ELECTION CALLED

AUGUST 4, 2020 ----- STATE PRIMARY ELECTION

NOVEMBER 3, 2020 ----- STATE GENERAL ELECTION

If you are not currently on our Permanent Absentee Voter Application List and wish to be, please contact the Clerk's Office. Any qualified voter now has the right to vote absentee without stating a reason.

clerk@longlaketownship.com Phone: 231-946-2249

Long Lake Township Clerk, 8870 North Long Lake Rd., Traverse City, MI. 49685

Questions - Contact us Tuesday-Friday, 8am - 5:30pm

Carol A Hoffman, Clerk

Meeting Day & Time

Zoning: 1st Tues. 6 pm Township Board: 2nd Tues. 6 pm Planning: 4th Tues. 6 pm Land Div.: 1st Thurs. 10 am

Township e-mail: welcome@longlaketownship.com

CENSUS 2020

April 1, 2020 is Census Day. In March 2020, you will receive an invitation from the US Census Bureau to respond to a short questionnaire on-line, by mail, or in person. The Census provides critical data that is used for 10 years at the State and Federal Level to distribute funding for local government, community programs and organizations, as well as determining House of Representative seats and congressional lines.

If you own or occupy more than one home you will receive Census material at both locations. You can only be counted once. If your principal residence exemption, driver's license, and voter registration are located at your home in Long Lake Township then be counted here regardless if you are temporarily or seasonally away.

PLEASE BE COUNTED, IT MATTERS!

PARKS & RECREATION

A "SPECIAL THANK YOU" to all of you who have been diligently working to improve the quality of our Parks!! We have had many volunteers helping with clearing trails, cutting up fallen trees, building or repairing bridges, placing posts for signs, placing boundary signs, cleaning and refurbishing existing signs along with many other projects that are underway for the coming summer. We have also had our Eagle Scouts working on projects in some of our Parks.

We are now required to have all volunteers fill out a waiver form which can be found on our website: www.longlaketownship.com or picked up at our office. If you are currently volunteering or plan to volunteer in our parks, please fill out the waiver form and drop it off at the Township office as soon as possible.

We offer many amenities at our Parks including outdoor basketball and tennis courts, bocce ball courts, 1/3 mile running/walking track, pickle ball courts, 2 picnic pavilions and 2 playgrounds (one for 2-5 year-olds & one for 5-12 year-olds) here at Haywood Park, volleyball at Taylor Park & Gilbert Park, fishing platforms at Cedar Lake at Cedar Run Creek Natural Area, and a second on Fern Lake at Timbers Recreation Area in the Spring of 2020.

Pick up one of our Park Maps for more detailed information along with locations of all of our Township Parks.

The work on the Universally Accessible (UA) Trail at the Timbers has come to a halt for the winter. The Park will be open for winter use and it will be groomed as it was last year. The balance of the work will be completed in the spring with the time frame depending on the weather. Unfortunately the park will be closed for a short time again. We all look forward to the park being open and hope you will be pleasantly surprised.

Residents and visitors are urged to call the Sheriff's Dept. 231-922-4550 if you have any issues with dogs or have any other potential problems at any of our parks.

Trish Mehney , Township Treasurer and Parks & Recreation Chair 231-946-2249 ext.: 206

THE ASSESSOR'S DESK

The re-inspection project of all residential properties in Long Lake Township is going well. We just completed the fourth summer and we will begin again in May 2020. Each site visit includes updating exterior photos and leaving a questionnaire post card about the interior of your home for the property owner to complete and send in. With your cooperation, we can have accurate data of your property and avoid errors in your property assessment. In February of each year "Notice of Assessment Changes" are sent to all property owners. Please review the information on the notice and if you have any questions you may contact Angela Friske, Assessor at 231-946-2249 during regular office hours or email me at: assessor@longlaketownship.com

SHORT TERM RENTAL ORDINANCE IN EFFECT

We are now taking applications and issuing certificates allowing for short-term rental of residential property in Long Lake Township. After January 1, 2020, it will be illegal to advertise or actively rent a short-term rental without a certificate. To apply, go to the Short-Term Rental page on the Township's website, www.longlaketownship.com. Understand that if you do not follow instructions or do not provide the required information, your application will be denied. Please read through the materials carefully. If you have questions about the required information, email str-registration@longlaketownship.com, or call Loyd or Leslie during regular Township office hours.

THE TREASURER'S DESK

Please take a few minutes to review our web site at www.longlaketownship.com where you can:

Find my e-mail and phone number if you have questions or concerns. View or pay your taxes on line (note: there is a 3% charge for on line credit card payments; this fee goes directly to the bank not the Township). Print tax receipts for prior payments (just click on view/pay taxes online and follow the directions). This information is free to property owners after setting up an account. Remember that receipts are no longer sent automatically when taxes are paid unless requested by the taxpayer. Access dates for paying taxes.

Winter tax bills will be mailed December 2, 2019 and are due by February 14, 2020. I will accept payments with postmarks on this due date without penalty. I will be collecting delinquent tax payments in my office through March 3, 2020 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Please make checks payable to Long Lake Township through this date. **I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ACCEPT POST MARKS FOR THIS DATE!!! ALL TAX PAYMENT MUST BE IN MY OFFICE BY MARCH 3, 2020 BY 5:30PM OR WILL BE CONSIDERED LATE & RETURNED TO YOU.** All property taxes (exceptions following) will be turned over to the Grand Traverse County Treasurer on March 4, 2020 and will have to be paid at the Governmental Center in Traverse City. If your payment will not be postmarked by February 28, 2020 you will need to contact the Grand Traverse County Treasurer for the amount due & your check will need to be made out to Grand Traverse County rather than Long Lake Township. Exceptions: Property taxes starting with the numbers 28-08-898 and 28-08-900 will continue to be collected here at the Township Offices. Please call me if you have any questions 231-946-2249 x 206.

Thank you, have a safe Winter!

Trish Mehney, MiCPT Long Lake Township Treasurer

SANTA IS COMING TO LONG LAKE FIRE RESCUE ON DECEMBER 8TH FROM 10AM-12:30PM

Open house at the fire station, located at 8870 North Long Lake Road. Come out, have your picture taken with Santa and meet the fire-fighters in Long Lake. Fire trucks on display. Goodies will be served.



LONG LAKERS SENIOR GROUP

Long Lake Township continues to coordinate the "Long Lakers" whose mission is to provide social and educational opportunities for our residents over 60. We want to keep everyone inspired, involved, and active together with luncheons, exercise, bocce ball, pickle ball, and monthly local events. Look for our activity calendar on the web at www.longlaketownship.com or call the Long Lake Senior Director, Shelley Evans, at 231-631-4479. A special thank you to the Grand Traverse County Senior Network for help in funding the Long Lakers programs.

Your Elected Officials

Karen Rosa, Supervisor

Carol Hoffman, Clerk

Trish Mehney, Treasurer

Linda Wheelock, Trustee

Dave Garvin, Trustee

Duane Schaub, Trustee

Ron Lemcool, Trustee