

Long Lake Township Summer Newsletter 2016



Long Lake Township Fire-Rescue providing Emergency Services

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On January 1st, Long Lake Twp. Fire-Rescue began providing fire, EMS and rescue emergency services to the residents of Long Lake Township. We are pleased to welcome the addition of our new Fire Chief Andrew Down to lead the organization. Chief Down has many years of fire service experience leading a similar size organization in New York. In addition to hiring a Chief, the Township took delivery of a Ford F350 rescue squad and a new tanker pumper to increase our EMS and fire response capabilities. Squad 10 is the primary EMS response vehicle that carries personnel with medical and rescue gear. Tanker Pumper 10 has 3300 gallons of water on board and a 1500 gallon per minute fire pump. Please stop by Station 10 to tour the facility and see your new Long Lake fire trucks!

Our Long Lake firefighters have responded to over 150 calls for emergency service since January 1st and have already fought several structure fires within Long Lake Township. We appreciate the dedication, hard work and commitment of our firefighters to the community.

Interested in becoming a firefighter or EMT? Please contact Chief Andy Down at 231-947-4096 for more information.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR



Congratulations go to Assistant Chief Chris Magiera, our 2016 recipient of the Citizen of the Year award. Chris was very instrumental in structuring our new Long Lake Township Fire-Rescue Department. He spent many, many hours making sure that every area was covered so we would be ready for our start-up date of January 1, 2016. The Fire Department has benefited because of the high expectations of Chris. We are forever grateful for his commitment not only to the Fire Department but to the community of Long Lake.



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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR TREASURER... Please take a few minutes to review our web site at www.longlaketownship.com. Under the "Treasurer" drop down on the right, 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). You can also 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.

Summer tax bills will be mailed by July 1, 2016 and are due by September 14, 2016. ALL summer deferment forms need to be filled out every year by Sept. 14th and these deferred taxes are due by February 14, 2017. Winter tax bills will be mailed by December 1, 2016 and are due by February 14, 2017. I will accept payments with postmarks on these dates. I will be collecting delinquent tax payments in my office through March 1, 2017 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. I will only accept postmarks for these payments through February 28, 2017. All property taxes (exceptions following) will be turned over to the Grand Traverse County Treasurer after March 1st and will have to be paid at the Governmental Center in Traverse City.

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). Thank you, have a safe summer!

FROM THE ASSESSORS DESK... We began a re-inspection project in May 2016 of all the residential property in Long Lake Township. This will involve a site visit to each property, taking updated exterior photos, and leaving a questionnaire for the property owner to fill out and return concerning the interior of their homes. With your cooperation we can have accurate data of your property and avoid errors in your property assessment. The project is scheduled to take five to six summers to complete. We began in the southeast corner of the Township. You may contact Angela Friske, Assessor, by telephone during regular business hours or at assessor@longlaketownship.com if you have any questions.

FROM THE ZONING DEPARTMENT... It must be spring as I am seeing decks, fences and sheds popping up everywhere. With the warm weather people are out doing those home improvement projects that they were dreaming about all last winter. Don't let the cold wind of your Township Ordinance Enforcement Officer cool your enthusiasm by paying you a visit for not having a Land Use Permit.

A Land Use Permit (LUP) is basically a stamp of approval stating that you are meeting the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance for your particular zoning district in the use of your property. Our review includes such details as setbacks from your lot line or water front building heights, and size of the structure. You'll want to pay special attention to these details. It's much better to follow the rules the first time than to have to re-do your project.

You will not need a LUP for any fences four feet and under that you can see through (chain link, picket etc.), but once they sprout up above 48 inches you are required to have a LUP and there are setbacks to meet. Decks will also need a LUP especially if they are within the 50 foot waterside set back from a lake.

If you are planning a storage shed remember that for anything 100 (10' x 10') sq. ft. or less you will not need a LUP, but you will need to abide by certain setback restrictions. Once it goes beyond 100 square then you will need a LUP and if it grows to more than 200 sq. ft. you may also need a County Building Permit. This includes the tent garages and metal carports sold at local home stores and on line.

Save yourself some time and money by researching all restrictions and requirements before beginning any project. And as always, if you have any questions regarding land use, please contact Kim Smith, your friendly Zoning Administrator, at 946-2249.



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 G.T. Commission on Aging for help in funding the Long Lakers programs.

Gilbert and Taylor Park beaches will once again be monitored for E.COLI every Wednesday from June 24th to September 2nd. A DEQ grant for the monitoring was acquired through the Watershed Center Grand Traverse Bay. For added safety at the beaches of Gilbert, Taylor, and The Timbers, we have added a rescue station which includes a life ring, throw rope, and instructional signage. Funding for the stations was supplied through a grant from the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.



REMINDER.....

NO BURNING OF ANY KIND, INCLUDING CAMP FIRES, IS ALLOWED AT ANY OF THE TOWNSHIP PARKS OR ANY LONG LAKE TOWNSHIP BEACH.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PARKS & RECREATION CHAIR

The current leaders of the Friends of the Parks are listed below; if you are interested in helping out at our parks please don't hesitate to contact me or you can also contact them directly.

South Long Lake Natural Area – Peter Zirnelt at 231-590-1800 e-mail pdzirnelt@aol.com

Cedar Run Creak Natural Area – Shirley Mesch at 231-499-1318 e-mail smesch5@hotmail.com

Bullhead Lake Natural Area – Rondi Fry at 517-927-6725 e-mail rondifry47@gmail.com

& Annie Gurian e-mail abgurian@gmail.com

Taylor Park – Glen Gravette – 231-946-7256 e-mail glenster63@yahoo.com

Gilbert Park – Harth Goulette—989-297-0064 e-mail harth@charter.net

Fisher Run – Mark Cerny at 815-508-0052 e-mail mcerny7421@aol.com

If you have any general questions or comments regarding our parks, please don't hesitate to contact me at the number below.

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 - longlaketownship.com –, or picked up here at our office. If you are currently volunteering or plan to volunteer in our parks, please fill this form out and drop it off at the Township offices as soon as possible and thank you.

We have officially added the Timbers Recreation Area to our Township Parks. New updated parks maps are available here at the Township offices and various park locations.

Residents and visitors are urged to call the Township regarding issues with dogs and the Sheriff's Department (231-922-4550) or Marine Patrol (231-922-2112) if you witness any other potential problems at any of our parks.

Thank you, Trish Mehney, Township Treasurer and Parks & Recreation Chair (231) 946-2249 ext: 206

Veterans Memorial Service 2016

Thank you to all who participated in our annual Veterans Memorial Service on May 27, 2016. Our ceremony to honor our veterans laid to rest in Linwood Cemetery is always an awesome and heartfelt ceremony, renewing our awareness of the true meaning of Memorial Day and the sacrifices that have been made for our freedom.

Thank you to Moomer's Homemade Ice Cream, Long Lake Grocery and the Township staff for their donations to our luncheon and to the wonderful cooks and the kitchen crew, Jo Fewins, Joyce Stricker, Sara Baker and Sally Walter for putting on the fabulous lunch after our Memorial Service. They do a great job each year.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP IN PLACING THE FLAGS AND MARKING OUR VETERAN'S GRAVESITES BEFORE OUR SERVICE, PLEASE CALL RONDA AT 946-2249.

ELECTION INFORMATION FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE

This will be a huge election year; please take a moment to review the information below:

AUGUST 2, 2016 PRIMARY ELECTION

Last day to register for this election is July 5th

NOVEMBER 8, 2016 GENERAL ELECTION

Last day to register for this election is October 11th

If you are considering using an Absent Voter Ballot, the following is a list of qualified reasons for obtaining a ballot:

- 1. I am 60+ years of age**
- 2. I expect to be absent from the community in which I am registered for the entire time the polls are open on election day**
- 3. I am physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another**
- 4. I cannot attend the polls because of the tenets of my religion**
- 5. I have been appointed an election precinct inspector in a precinct other than the precinct where I reside**
- 6. I cannot attend the polls because I am confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial**

If you are requesting that an Absent Voter Ballot be mailed to you at an address other than your primary residence, please remember to indicate that address on your application. Election materials cannot be forwarded and will be returned to our office.

August 2, 2016 Primary Election Absent Voter Ballots are expected by approximately June 18, 2016.

November 8, 2016 General Election Absent Voter Ballots are expected by approximately September 24, 2016.

If you wish to download an Absent Voter Ballot Application which you may use to request the official Absent Voter Ballot, you may do so by going to longlaketownship.com and following the links from the Clerk's Office.

If you have questions, please contact our office. Carol A Hoffman, Clerk clerk@longlaketownship.com 231/946-2249

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS

A big thank you to all the Boy Scouts that continue to work on projects in our community to earn the Eagle Scout recognition. Many of the scouts choose to work in one of our many parks and natural areas. The projects include clearing trails, building benches, and building information stations. Within those stations placing information about the property, wildlife habitat and bird, flora and fauna identification. This year one scout came forward with a plan to build wooden boxes that will be displayed in four area township halls (Long Lake included) for people to dispose their tattered flags. The scouts will be responsible for picking up the flags and seeing that they are disposed of properly. Please take note of the good projects that these young folks are doing for our community.

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