
WILBER TOWNSHIP NEWS

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Supervisor's Corner

At its January 16th quarterly meeting, the Iosco County Townships Association re-elected Wilber Township Clerk Bob White to his fourth consecutive term as its president. Alabaster Township Supervisor Stephanie Wentworth was elected Vice-President, and Sheri Williams (Tawas Township Treasurer), Elaine Bielby (Plainfield Township Clerk) and Sally Krueger (Wilber Township Trustee) were each returned as Secretary, Treasurer and Member-at-Large, respectively. Bob was also re-elected secretary of the Iosco County Dispatch (911) Board, and was named to the Iosco County Parks and Recreation Board by the Iosco County Board of Commissioners. Wilber Township resident Rick Hammel was also appointed to the Parks Board.

The Township Roads Committee has evaluated potential road repair and maintenance projects to propose to the Iosco County Road Commission that might not be able to be addressed without township assistance. We are currently waiting for estimated materials costs in order for the Board of Trustees to finalize our projects. Remember, roads maintenance is *not* a statutory function of townships
Mark Nunn

Township Cemetery Ordinance

The Wilber Township Cemetery Ordinance, enacted in 2007, is currently undergoing a revision. This re-codification is necessary to add statutory information about cemeteries and their operation not include in the original version, and to update other aspects of cemetery management.

During this process, our current cemetery ordinance has been taken off of our website, and the updated version will be re-posted as soon as it is completed and ratified by the board of trustees.

Township Enacts

Outdoor Furnace Ordinance

The township's Outdoor Furnace Ordinance, #2013-002, was adopted June 3, 2013 and became effective July 12, 2013. The purpose of the legislation is to ensure that outdoor wood-burning furnaces, which are becoming popular heating alternatives, meet safety codes, that they are placed so as not to infringe on neighboring properties, and that they do not constitute fire hazards or contribute to air pollution by burning unsafe or non-approved materials. The entire ordinance is posted on our website. A township zoning permit is required prior to installation.

2014 County Millage Proposals

Four county-wide millage proposals will appear on the August 5th primary ballot:

One is for a renewal of the telephone surcharge which keeps Iosco County E-911 Central Dispatch running.

The other three proposals are requesting new millage appropriations:

One is for funding a full-time county animal control officer (Iosco County currently does not have one) and four new sheriff road patrol deputies to exclusively work the midnight shift.

The third is to fund a variety of county parks and recreation initiatives, and the fourth proposal is for an additional millage to fund senior citizen services for ten years.

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Annual Township Cleanup Saturday June 14, 2014 8-11 a.m.

The township's annual spring cleanup is scheduled as indicated above. MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

We again plan to have receptacles for scrap metal and tires, as well as packer trucks for general refuse materials. **Items not accepted by the disposal company include:**

- building materials of any kind, and
- concrete, cement blocks, stones and bricks
- asphalt,
- dirt, & yard waste
- dead animals
- animal or human waste,
- hazardous or liquid materials, contaminated soils, & asbestos, paints, solvents, petroleum products, & herbicides
- items that are generally more than five feet in length or extremely bulky, or appliances containing Freon (appliances must be certified as 'Freon-free').

We are asking those of you who participate in the cleanup to **please assist** volunteers in unloading and disposing of your waste materials.

This annual event is the time to clean up your property. Ordinance enforcement for blight and other similar infractions are scaled back until after the cleanup, but will resume in earnest right after the June 14th date.

Every year, we see many items that could be used by someone else, so before bringing your items for disposal, consider donating usable things to one of the many local charitable organizations. Usable items can be donated to any of the area non-profit agencies, such as St. Vincent DePaul, the Domestic Violence Thrift Shop or Goodwill Industries in Oscoda. In addition, consider recycling.

There are several establishments listed in the yellow pages and local shopper that pick up junk cars and appliances, and that accept scrap metal.

Help keep Wilber Township green, and a good place to live.

The Township Board of Trustees is considering scaling back these cleanup days to every other year. Let us know what you think. You can email us at the township hall, or drop us a line using real mail.

Did you know that as of May 28, 2013, there were 744 illegal dumping sites in 69 counties in Michigan, with 22 listed in Iosco County? That places Iosco County in

the Top 10 in the state. Fortunately, none were reported in Wilber Township. Let's keep it that way. (Source: Michigan coalition for Clean Forests/Adopt-a-Forest Program, <cleanforests.org>)

Miscellany

It's Pothole Season! And they're everywhere, thanks to a particularly harsh winter. If you notice a pothole forming on a state trunk line, which includes routes like M-55, M-65, US-23, or I-75, you can report it by calling the Pothole hotline at 1-888-296-4546. To report potholes and other problems related to local roads, contact the county road commission. Contact information for the Iosco County Road Commission is on page 3 of this newsletter.

TV ads too loud? The Commercial Advertisement Loudness Mitigation (CALM) Act began on December 13, 2012. This FCC rule requires TV commercials to have the same average volume level as the programs on which they appear. The FCC relies on viewers to help enforce this rule, so if you think a broadcast or cable channel is in violation, you can file a complaint online at fcc.gov/complaints. Click on the "Loud Commercials" button. Or, call 1-888-225-5322.

Got Skunks? Springtime is the time they become active and move about, and before their normal food supplies become plentiful, they're attracted to bird feeders, garbage and pet food left outdoors. If you and/or a pet has an unfriendly run-in with a skunk (they can project their spray as much as 10 feet!), a recipe that has proven effective in removing the skunk odor is as follows, mixed in a clean plastic bucket:

1 quart of 3% hydrogen peroxide

¼ cup baking soda

1-2 teaspoons of liquid soap

one quart tepid water

If you live trap a skunk, captured animals cannot be moved past county lines.

Cemetery Plot Maintenance: A reminder to all those owning burial rights or whose loved ones are buried in the Wilber Township Cemetery. The township does not, nor has it ever, provided perpetual care to individual grave sites. Rather, it has been the responsibility of deed holders and friends and families.

2014 Elections: July 7th is the last day to register to vote in the August primary, and October 6th for the November general election.

TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY

Supervisor: Mark Nunn	989-362-2022
Clerk: Robert D. White	989-362-5410
Treasurer: Steve Ferguson	989-362-5410
Trustee: Sally Krueger	989-362-2510
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Ordinance Officer: Ron Phillips	989-362-5410
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Planning Commission:

Robert Golka, Chair	989-362-7047
Rich Fullerton, Vice-Chair	989-362-2213
Robert White, Secretary	989-362-5410
Frank Kassuba, Member	989-362-8515
Corey Swales, Member **	989-254-7810

Calendar of Events

REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:00 PM AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL. WHEN THE FIRST MONDAY IS A HOLIDAY OR HOLIDAY-OBSERVED, MEETINGS ARE THE FOLLOWING MONDAY. REGULAR MEETING DATES WHICH PRECEDE ELECTION DAYS ARE ALSO MOVED TO THE FOLLOWING MONDAY— SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD, OR CHANGES IN MEETING DATES, ARE POSTED ON THE TOWNSHIP HALL BULLETIN BOARD, THE MESSAGE CENTER, AND OUR WEBSITE.

REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS FOR THE BALANCE OF 2014 ARE: JUNE 12TH, AUGUST 14TH, OCTOBER 9TH, AND DECEMBER 11TH. MEETING TIMES ARE 7:00 P.M. SPECIAL MEETINGS ARE HELD UPON REQUEST, OR AS NEEDED. ALL MEETINGS ARE AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL.

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION, ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, OR BOARD OF REVIEW, PLEASE SUBMIT A LETTER OF INTEREST TO THE TOWNSHIP HALL.

Zoning Permits

The Board of Trustees again wants to remind all residents and property owners that Wilber Township is a zoned community and has had a comprehensive, enforceable zoning ordinance in place since 1989.

Permits are required for all construction activities, signs, fences, demolitions, as well as for many others, depending on the zoning district in which your property is located.

Also contained within the zoning ordinance are specific setback requirements for placement of structures from property and lot lines.

The ordinance covers such uses as the number and placement of agricultural buildings, accessory buildings, yard sales, swimming pools, fences, livestock, kennels, roadside stands, and commercial activities, to name a few.

The entire Wilber Township Zoning Ordinance is posted on our website, as are Zoning Permit forms.

Permits must be obtained *before* any such activities begin by contacting the zoning administrator. His number is listed in the directory section of this newsletter.

Township zoning permits are \$25, and are obtained from the zoning administrator. Remember, a Township Zoning Permit is ***always required.***

An Iosco County building permit may also be required, and is obtained at the Iosco County Building Department *after* the issuance of the zoning permit.

Dust Control

It's dust control time again for those living on unpaved roads, the cost of which is shared equally by the resident, the township, and the Iosco County Road Commission. Cost to residents this year is \$99 for 300' (area must be staked), and payments would be appreciated by May 15th. Please mail them to the township hall.

Iosco County Road Commission

The winter of 2013-2014 was exceptionally hard on area roads. As a result, the county road commission is still evaluating this year's roads' projects.

The Iosco County Road Commission urges residents with general road maintenance or other issues to either call them directly, or for even faster response, register a service request on their automated web site. address is: www.ioscoroads.org/ Click on Service Request.

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Comments about the newsletter, as well as information and topics you would like to see included in future editions should be submitted to me *in writing*.

Robert D. White

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East Tawas, MI 48730 or,

E-mail: wilbertownship@hughes.net

Thanks. Bob White

Burn Permits

Burn Permits are required for all outdoor fires, other than small cooking fires, campfires, or fires contained in an approved and covered outdoor container. Burn Permits are issued by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, either via their web-site, or their toll-free number.

www.michigan.gov/burnpermit

1-866-922-2876

All burn permits are for one day only