



WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP

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WWT E-NEWSLETTER



OCTOBER 2010

35th Annual Community Halloween Party

October 31st 2010 - 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Sponsored by the Whitewater Emergency Services Auxiliary and Battalion 3 Fire Station

It's that time of year again for spooks and goblins to be found roaming the streets of Williamsburg and haunting the Fire station. This event is for kids of all ages, so when you picking out the costumes don't forget to find one for yourself. All are welcome to attend.



What's happening this year?

- * Haunted Hayrides start at 6:30 pm end at 8:30 pm
- * Craft table with spooky spiders, scary tattoos and much more
- * The ever popular Piñata smash
- * Halloween Carnival with prizes for all games & games for all ages
- * A Special appearance from Smokey the Bear



The Auxiliary will be selling Hot Dogs, chips and cider for \$2.50. We hope to make dinner easier on busy Trick or Treating families. Other goodies and treats will be available for all at no charge. Remember, no school on Monday November 1st for Elk Rapids Schools.

ELECTIONS UPDATE

The November 2nd State General Election is just two weeks away and the clerk's office is busy sending and receiving absentee ballots on a daily basis.

Absentee applications and ballots may be obtained from the clerk's office during regular business hours. An application is on the clerk's page of the township website or a pdf version of the application is available on the Secretary of State's website, www.michigan.gov/sos.

The last date to received ballots by mail is October 30th by 2 p.m. The clerk's office will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on that day to issue ballots. Ballots can also be obtained and voted in the clerk's office on November 1st from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Whitewater Township Park is closed for the 2011 camping season. The boat launch remains available to residents until December.

With the beautiful weather this summer, it was a very good camping season.

Reservations for the 2011 camping season begin April 1, 2011.

Battle Creek and Petobego Natural Areas

The Township Board had approved new regulations for blinds in the two natural areas. Only Type 1 (Portable Ground Blinds) will be allowed in the natural areas. These blinds must follow Michigan DNRE regulations and be completely portable and removed at the end of each day. Boundary marking will be in place within the next few weeks

IMPORTANT DATES

- 10/26 Township Board Meeting
- 10/31 Halloween Party
- 11/2 Election Day
- 11/3 Planning Commission Meeting
- 11/6 Daylight Savings Time
- 11/9 Township Board Meeting
- 11/10 Rescheduled ZBA Meeting
- 11/25 Township Hall Closed
- 11/26 Township Hall Closed

RECYCLING UPDATE

Did you know that effective January 1, 2011, Grand Traverse County will no longer fund the recycle bins located throughout the County?

What does this mean for Whitewater Township residents? American Waste will maintain a new transfer station at their facility on Hughes Drive in Garfield Township for drop-offs. The Township Board of Trustees is considering continuing the recycle bins currently located behind Township Hall. Funding would come from the Township's general fund.

Please let us know what you think.



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

In order to be ready in the event of an emergency all households need a plan. Over the next few months we will provide step-by-step assistance to help you through the process.

#1) Take a moment to imagine that there is an emergency, like a fire in your home, and you need to leave quickly. What are the best escape routes from your home? Find at least two ways out of each room. Now, write it down — you've got the beginning of a plan.

#2) Pick a place to meet after a disaster. Designate two meeting places. Choose one right outside your home, in case of a sudden household emergency, such as a fire. The second place you choose needs to be outside your neighborhood, in the event that it is not safe to stay near or return to your home.