



Whitewater Township News

Summer 2019

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THANK YOU!!!

Craig Barnhart
Ryan and Amber Voice
Brook and Janet Goss

A tremendous amount of work has gone into getting the Hi Pray Park ball fields in shape this spring. Getting the weeds off the fields, dragging the fields, cleaning out the dugouts, cleaning along the fence lines, doing chalk lines before the games, etc., is quite a team effort. These individuals utilized their own personal equipment, borrowed equipment and one individual even rented a tractor from Ginop's at his own expense for the main ball field cleanup. Thank you all for volunteering your time, your talent and efforts to the Hi Pray ball fields!



Little League ball under the lights!!



**Mark your
Calendars**



Whitewater Township Emergency Services Auxiliary will be hosting the Annual Community Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction on **Saturday, September 14, 2019 from 4 - 7:00 pm** at the Williamsburg United Methodist Church. Proceeds will be used in support of Emergency Services. Bring your family and enjoy an excellent dinner made by the area's top spaghetti chefs and served up hot and tasty by the Emergency Services personnel.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Other WESA Events

Saturday, September 28, 9 am - 8 pm, Acme Fall Fest

Saturday, October 12, 6 - 8:30 pm, Halloween Party

Bring your family! Bring your friends!!

**JULY 16, 2019 3:00 pm
BOARD OF REVIEW (JBOR)**

2019 Clean-Up Day Results

June 8th was Cleanup Day in Whitewater Township. From 7:00am to 12:00pm trucks and trailers were lined up waiting their turn.

The Auxiliary provided coffee & donuts for the early morning risers. The fire department was there with equipment for the kids to check out! Erickson Salvage hauled away 4 trailer loads of scrap metal. TJ Tires collected 117 tires. Area Waste compacted 220 yards of waste costing \$9,900.

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped and citizens who participated in making this a successful event. These efforts by all are what help to keep Whitewater Township beautiful!

Thank YOU!



Township CALENDAR

JULY 2019

7/8 Park & Rec Committee
7/9 Township Board Meeting
7/10 Planning Commission
7/10 Historical Society Meeting
7/25 Zoning Board of Appeals

SEPTEMBER 2019

9/4 Planning Commission
9/9 Park & Rec Committee
9/10 Township Board Meeting
9/11 Historical Society Meeting
9/26 Zoning Board of Appeals

AUGUST 2019

8/7 Planning Commission
8/12 Park & Rec Committee
8/13 Township Board Meeting
8/14 Historical Society Meeting
8/22 Zoning Board of Appeals

OCTOBER 2019

10/2 Planning Commission
10/8 Township Board Meeting
10/9 Historical Society Meeting
10/14 Park & Rec Committee
10/24 Zoning Board of Appeals

Introducing some of the folks behind the scenes . . .

Nick Carpenter—Assistant Chief

Nick is married and has a daughter. He has been in the fire service since 2001. Along with helping to keep our fire station running smoothly he is also the Supervisor at GT 911, Technology Coordinator at Elk Rapids Library, Lead Instructor at Elk Rapids Fire Dept., and Director of Emergency Operations at the Traverse City Film Fest.

Tim Arbenowske—Captain

Tim was with the Rural Fire Dept. from 2000-2018, where he served as Captain and is currently the Captain with the Township Fire Dept. He served on the township's ambulance service from 2000-2015 as an EMT. Tim and his wife Cindy have a son and daughter-in-law and one grandson. He has been with the US Postal Service since 1987.

Terese Hooper—Deputy Clerk

Terese has worked in the clerk's office for 6+ years. She retired from Sara Lee after 38+ years in payroll and accounts payable. She and her husband Ted have been married for 48 years; they have 2 children and 5 grandchildren. They have lived in Whitewater Township for 44 years.

Lois MacLean—Deputy Treasurer and Recording Secretary

Lois has been working with the township since 2008 as Deputy Treasurer. Since 2010 she has been the recording secretary for the Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals and the Parks and Rec Committee. She is also an active member of the emergency services auxiliary. Lois, married to Dwayne, has six children and 10 grandchildren.

Ron Bachi—Deputy Supervisor

Ron has served as the Deputy Supervisor since February 2019. He has been an active member of his community. Ron is married to Janet with three children and two grandchildren.

Dan Belanger—Park Ranger

Dan has worked at the Township Park for 13 years. He retired in 2010 after teaching for 30 years at the elementary level. He continues to part-time teach in Elk Rapids Schools during the school year, as well as teach summer school. Dan grew up in Acme and has lived in Whitewater Township for 23 years.

Peggy Quast—Park Ranger

Peggy has also worked at the Township Park for 13 years. She taught school for 26 years at Kalkaska Public Schools, retiring in 2013. She currently works at the Kalkaska County Sheriff's Department as an assistant to the sheriff. Peggy grew up in Bay City and moved to this area in 1970.

Bob Wilkinson—Cemetery Sexton

Bob became Whitewater Township's cemetery sexton in May of this year. He began his career as a sexton at Oakwood Cemetery in 2003. Through the years, he has taken on sexton duties at other cemeteries in the area. Bob is very good at working with families in their time of need. He has lived in Northern Michigan since 1985.

Luann Snider—Historian

Luann has been a member of the Historical Society since 2005 and its chairperson for the last 8 years. She is also vice president of the Williamsburg School Reunion, which meets every other year. She has been a licensed cosmetologist for 37 years and moved to Whitewater Township in 1988.

Dawn Kuhns—Assessor

Dawn has been the township assessor since 2007. She is part of AD Assessing which assesses other townships in the area also. Additionally, she is the Treasurer for Kalkaska Township. She has a large blended family of 5 kids and her husband is an electrical contractor.

The Whitewater Township Zoning Administrator position is vacant.

Lindsey Wolf has accepted a position at Acme Township. She is helping the township on a part time / as needed basis through this time of hiring and transition of a new zoning administrator. Lindsey's knowledge, efficiency and kindness will be missed.

We wish her the best in her future endeavors.

Community All Stars !!!

Send Brothers Farm Mart recognized for all they do in our community! Owned by Eric, Mark and Marty Send, but you are more likely to be greeted by Eric's wife, Donna, and sister, Pam, at the store. Family owned and operated, they are knowledgeable, willing to share their knowledge and willing to jump in and help other farmers in the area. They are just plain helpful and friendly to everyone! Most people are familiar with their gorgeous sunflower fields that inspire poets, musicians and photographers alike.



Stephen and Janice Donkers were recognized as the "Persons of the Year" for all they do and have done, for so many, for so long!!

They set a new standard for "Service"! Stephen served in the U.S. Navy. Both have served (and continue to serve) the community in the fire department and ambulance service, the American Legion, the emergency services auxiliary, and the many activities and services at the Williamsburg UMC, all while keeping family first a priority. If ever there is anything that needs to be done and they can, they will! What an awesome inspiration they are!!