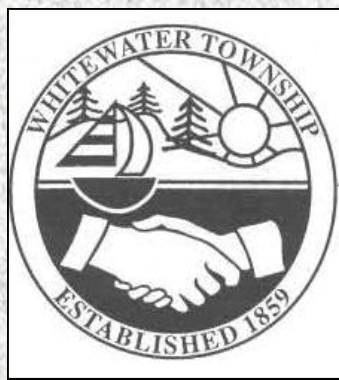


Whitewater Township Monthly E-Letter: July 2010



Monthly Calendar

8/4, Planning Commission
7:00 pm WWT Hall

8/10, Township Board
7:00 pm WWT Hall

8/17, Zoning Board of Appeals
7:00 pm WWT Hall

8/18, Historical Society
7:00 pm WWT Hall

8/28, Township Clean-Up
8:00 am—Noon, Mill Creek
Elementary

9/11 Williamsburg School
Reunion

Primary Election

The Primary will take place on Tuesday, August 3, 2010. The Township polling place is Whitewater Township Hall located at 5777 Vinton Road. The polls are open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

VOTE!

Williamsburg School Reunion

The 2010 "Back to the Burg" Reunion of the Williamsburg School is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 11, 2010 at Mill Creek Elementary School-9039 Old M-72. The event begins at 6:00 pm with a social hour and dinner at 7:00. Cost: \$22.50. For more information or to RSVP by August 26, 2010 to Gay (Bannen) Scott at 231-879-3375 or sgscott@medorcian.com.

Bring photos, yearbooks and stories to share!

Township Clean Up Day

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 2010
8:00 am to Noon
Mill Creek Elementary School

Items to be Accepted

Wood and Construction Debris
Household Furniture
Metals
Plastic
Appliances
Titled Junk Vehicles
Car/Truck Tires (\$2 per tire)

NOTE LOWER COST!!!!!!

Items not Accepted

Hazardous Waste
Household Garbage
Yard Waste
Concrete



Preparing Your Home For Wildfire Season—Battalion Chief Stites



We have all no doubt heard of the wildfires that has occurred in Crawford County last month. With the fire season beginning we have a few simple tips that everyone can do to protect their home against wildfire damage:

- 1) Remove dead or overhanging branches. During windy conditions that exist during a wildfire, flames, sparks and firebrands could travel from the tree to the roof of this structure.
- 2) Remove leaf accumulation from your yard. Leaf accumulation provides fuel for a wildfire.
- 3) Remove leaf clutter from your roof and gutters. During a wild fire, leaves on the roof and/or in the gutters could be ignited by flying embers.
- 4) Remove tall, dry grasses. Grasses provide a path for fire that can lead directly to a house.
- 5) Remove "ladder fuels". Prune tree limbs so the lowest is between 6' - 10' from the ground. Fire burning through tall, dry grass could ignite these limbs and climb to the top of the tree with relative ease.
- 6) Check your generator and/or hose to be sure it is in good repair. Refuel garden equipment carefully. Yard equipment needs annual maintenance and proper fueling. Hoses develop leaks and deteriorate with age and exposure. During wildfire season, fuel your lawn mower properly—away from dry, flammable grasses.
- 7) Prune bushes and shrubs regularly. Remove excess growth, dead leaves and branches to decrease their flammability, and the threat they could pose.

Commission on Aging

The Grand Traverse County Commission on Aging (GTCOA) was organized in 1975. The primary goal of the Commission is to help senior citizens remain living safely at home. To do this, many types of assistance are offered including:
House Cleaning
Yard Maintenance and Snow Removal
Home Health Care
Foot Care
Respite Care (Caregiver Relief)
Loan Closet and Safety Bars
911 Cell Phones
Personal Emergency Response Units
Information & Assistance
Transportation Assistance
Windows
Financial Assistance for Emergencies
Funding to Community Agencies (Senior Centers, Meals on Wheels, Senior Companions)

To qualify for services, a person must be 60 years of age, or older, a resident of Grand Traverse County, and demonstrate a need for assistance. Fees are charged based on ability to pay (sliding fee scale) and start at \$1 per hour.

In 2009, the GTCOA served 1,715 senior citizens, most on a regular basis. The average client age is 80 years. The GTCOA provides services in all townships, villages and cities of Grand Traverse County. In Whitewater 20 seniors were helped totaling 791 hours of service.

If you would like more information about the Grand Traverse County Commission on Aging or know someone in need of our assistance, call (231) 922-4688 or visit the website at www.grandtraverse.org

Spotlight on Business

Renee's House of Quilting

8995 E M-72
Williamsburg, MI 49690
231-267-5895
reneeshouseofquilting.net

Hours of Operation

Monday-Friday 9:30 am - 6:00 pm
Saturday 9:30 am - 4:00 pm
Sunday Closed

Renee's House of Quilting turned 6 years old this year! Owned and operated by Township residents Renee and Glenn Savage, they offer an extensive line of quality fabrics, notions patterns books and classes. Stop by the shop to see the possibilities that await you and try one of Glenn's fresh baked cookies!



NEW TOWNSHIP EMAIL ADDRESSES

Effective 7/1/ 2010, Township Employees and Elected Officials received new email addresses. Please note the following:

Larry Lake, Supervisor
supervisor@whitwatertownship.org

Carol Hockin, Clerk
clerk@whitwatertownship.org

Ardella Benak, Treasurer
treasurer@whitwatertownship.org

Randy Stites, Battalion Fire Chief
firechief@whitwatertownship.org

Leslie Meyers, Zoning Administrator
zoning@whitwatertownship.org

Whitewater Township's New Ambulance



On June 22nd, the Township Board approved the purchase of a new Ambulance. This unit will become the primary ambulance. It is currently being lettered and striped to match our existing unit. The purchase will enable our EMS responders a second Ambulance to respond to requests for assistance while the primary unit is still at the hospital, or allow two units to be utilized with motor vehicle accidents. The new unit has improved features for the comfort of the patient and the ease of attendant while traveling to the hospital. It is scheduled to arrive the first week in August.

Planning/Zoning News

The Whitewater Township Planning Commission is hard at work rewriting the Township Master Plan. A Master Plan is a set of goals and objectives that determine land use policy. In a Master Plan we determine what the current land use situation is, how we got there and where we would like to be in the next 20 years. In order to write the best possible Master Plan for Whitewater Township...

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

The Planning Commission would love to hear any comment regarding land use in the Township. There are many ways to get involved in this process. Attending Planning Commission Meetings on the first Wednesday of each month is a great way to get involved and participate. You could also write letters to the Planning Commission or send an e-mail.

E-Mail:
zoning@whitwatertownship.org

Address:
Whitewater Township Planning Commission
PO Box 159
Williamsburg, MI 49690

The DRAFT Introduction Section is available on our website for review.

If you know anyone who would like to be added to the Township mailing list, please have them send their e-mail address to zoning@whitwatertownship.org Alternately if you would like to be removed from this mailing list please let us know by e-mailing zoning@whitwatertownship.org. Thank you !!!