



Whitewater Township October 2012 E-Letter

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Township Calendar

- 10/3 Planning Commission
- 10/9 Township Board
- 10/10 Historical Society
- 10/16 ZBA
- 10/23 Township Board
- 10/27 Halloween Party

NATURAL GAS EXTENSION UPDATE

It is not too late to sign up for the next phase of the Natural Gas Extension. DTE Energy is still accepting responses for your interest in the project. Over 83 positive responses have been received thus far. Please see page 3 of this newsletter for more information.



“TO OUR TOWN FROM THE EMS”

Sorry if we woke you
In the middle of the night.
But someone in your neighborhood
Is fighting for his life.

Sorry if we blocked the road
And make you turn around
But there’s been a bad wreck
With children lying on the ground.

When you see us coming
We hope you’ll understand
Let us have the right-of-way
Some one needs our helping hand.

Sometimes a child is choking
Sometimes a broken leg
Sometimes a heart stops beating
And when we get there, it’s too late.

So when you see us crying
When we think that we’re alone
You’ll know we’ve had a bad one
And we’re feeling mighty down.

You ask us why we do it
“How can you watch a child die?”
It’s never very easy
But we’ll try to tell you why.

We don’t do it for the money
You know we don’t get paid
We don’t do it for the glory
But for a life that might be saved.

Somewhere deep within us
Our souls are crying out
We’re here to help our neighbors
In their hour of pain and doubt.

God gave us something special
To help see you through
We do it ‘cause we love you
And we care about you too!

The SAMEL’S FAMILY HERITAGE SOCIETY

Invites the public to the 9th annual October ***Harvest Gathering*** at the farm, 8298 Skegemog Point Road, Williamsburg, **October 7th from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.** The farm is located 2 miles north of M72.



There will be tours of the farm, blacksmithing demonstrations, drag saw demonstrations, and grain milled with power from a ‘hit & miss’. Turn the apple press and squeeze apple juice to take home. There will be corn roasting for guests’ consumption, shingle making, wagon rides behind the draft horses through the pastures and down to the Old Growth Forest wood lot where there will be conducted tours. Enjoy a “stump puller” demonstration with the restored 1800’s stump puller that was used to clear the Samels’ farm in the 1800s. Guests are invited to take walking tours of the Old Growth Forest featuring 150 to 200 year old pines and oaks. Susan Hall, of the Samels’ Family Artifact Team will explain the Indian artifacts that the Samels’ collected over the years as they plowed their fields. This year there will be a “flint knapping” demonstration.

OLDE TIMEY music will be played and sung by local musicians. Members of the Northwestern Michigan Draft Horse and Mule Assoc. will demonstrate plowing a field by turn-of-the-century methods. There will once again be churned homemade ice cream. Hot dogs and chili dogs will be offered for a donation. A video of the Samels brothers will be shown throughout the day in the farmhouse, and vintage games for the young at heart will be featured. Homemade sweets, doughnut holes and apple cider will be served.

Bring your family and friends and experience life on a 1920’s – 1930’s farm. Witness the improvements that have been made over the past year by generous donations from members of the society. Plan to join ***The Samels Family Heritage Society*** and become a part of this historic preservationist group. Bring a container to take home your fresh squeezed apple juice. Experience life in northern Michigan from a bygone era. You could even awaken some of your own personal and fond memories.

There is no charge for this day on the farm!

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SAMELS’ FAMILY HERITAGE SOCIETY



Thanks to Lani Valchar,
EMT-ss Alvin Area EMS
Alvin Texas

This time of year there is so much going on in our area: beautiful fall color changes, cool crisp air, apple harvest, corn mazes, football, hunting, chance of snow and the fantastic



36th Annual Community Halloween Party!

*Saturday, October 27, 2012
6 – 9 p.m.*

At the Williamsburg Fire Station On Old M-72



We are sure to find spooks and goblins roaming the streets of Williamsburg and haunting the Fire Station. This event is for kids of all ages! Come and enjoy a Halloween Party in a safe, warm, dry environment (the weather can be so unpredictable). Last year's party drew over 225 children with their families and was enjoyed by all!

There will be:

- Haunted Hayrides from 6:30 – 8:30
- Halloween carnival with games and prizes
- Craft table, all little spooks & goblins welcome
- Face painting
- The ever popular Piñata smash
- Hot dogs, cider, chips and treats (donations appreciated)
- A special appearance from Smokey the Bear

Sponsored by Whitewater Emergency Services Auxiliary and Battalion 3 Fire Station
Questions? Call Lois MacLean 231-735-3987



Important Election Dates & Information to Remember

***** Voter ID is required.** State law requires you to either show picture ID or sign an affidavit attesting that you are who you say you are and you are not in possession of a picture ID. Acceptable ID cards are: MI drivers license, state ID card, License from another state, government issued photo ID, US passport, military, tribal or student ID card. All must have a photo on them. Township Clerk will be in her office all day on the last day to register, October 9th.

- **Oct. 9th - Last Day to register** to vote for the November 6th General Election
- **Nov. 3rd** - General Election absentee ballot requests must be received by 2:00 PM
- **Nov. 6th** - November General Election, polls open from 7:00 am - 8:00 pm

For more information visit the Secretary of State's Web site at: www.Michigan.gov/elections or Michigan Voter Information Center Web site at: www.Michigan.gov/vote.

You can confirm your registration status, find your polling place, learn how to cast your ballot (great for first time voters and education on write-in ballot instructions). Voters can also view the ballot they will vote on election day. ample ballots are also available in the Clerks office for your convenience.



Septage Treatment Facility Update

At their September 25, 2012 meeting, the Township Board passed a motion, 5-0, to send a letter to the BPW (Board of Public Works). In summary, the letter stated that **Whitewater is advising that the BPW's establishment of a special assessment district and levy of special assessments within Whitewater Township for the Facility would breach the December 6, 2004 Contract for Septage Treatment Capacity (the "Contract") between BPW and the Whitewater Township.**

Further, Supervisor Lake stated that **"Please be that Whitewater Township, on its own behalf and on behalf of its residents and property owners, will pursue appropriate legal action if the BPW further proceeds to establish a special assessment district or to levy special assessments within Whitewater Township to defray any portion of the cost of the Facility.**

We will continue to keep you updated on this very important matter.

NATURAL GAS EXTENSION UPDATE!

Do you live north of Angell Road or on Elk Lake Trail South of Angell Rd?

DTE has extended the date for submittal of the Natural Gas Extension until October 8, 2012. Several residents did not receive or overlooked the first request. If you have not yet responded, please take a few minutes and fill out the form below. Please return it to Sandy O'Neil at DTE Energy, 700 Hammond Road E, Suite 2, Traverse City, MI 49686. Feel free to contact Supervisor Lake if you have additional questions.

DTE Energy Natural Gas Survey

Whitewater Township residents have asked DTE Energy to explore the feasibility of extending natural gas to their area. As one of the next steps, DTE is collecting data on the homes in the area and would appreciate your assistance. Please take a few minutes to complete this short survey and return it in the postage paid envelope provided. Information from the survey will help us to determine our facility requirements, as well as the overall economics for both DTE and the residents located within this area.

Name: _____
Site Address: _____ Mailing Address: _____
City & Zip: _____ City & Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____
E-Mail: _____

If you could save approximately 30% to 50% on your annual heating cost, would you be interested in having natural gas brought to your home?

Yes _____ No _____

If *Yes*, when would you make the switch?

- As soon as natural gas is available
 within 1 year of availability
 within 2 years of availability

If *No*, what is the barrier in making the switch?

Tell us about your home:

Is your home located on a: Public St Private St

Home Type

- Stick Built Home Condominium
 Modular Home Apartment
 Mobile Home Other: _____

Approximate Square Footage of your Home: _____

Do you live in your home year round (primary residence)? Yes No

If *No*, do you heat your home during the winter months? Yes No

What do you currently use to heat your home?

<u>Fuel Type</u>	<u>Number of Gallons Used/Year</u>	<u>Price/Gallon</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Propane	_____	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Oil	_____	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Electric	_____	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		

Please return this survey no later than 9/11/2012 in the postage paid envelope provided.