

Whitewater Township September 2011

Questions, comments, ideas for future stories or to be added or removed from future mailings?

Contact:

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Monthly Calendar

9/19 Joint Meeting—Township Board and Emergency Services
9/26 Emergency Services
9/27 Township Board
10/5 Planning Commission
10/11 Township Board

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST STAFF MEMEBERS!

At their August 9, 2011, regular meeting, the Township Board appointed Dawn Martin as our new Ambulance Administrative Coordinator and Tim Arbenowske as our new Fire Administrative Coordinator.

Dawn Martin joined the EMS team in October of 2009. She is currently certified as a Basic EMT and just an exam away from receiving her EMT Specialist certification. Dawn would like the residents and visitors of Whitewater Township to be assured that her staff has the training and qualifications to assist you. She looks forward to the department growing stronger and flourishing and would like to invite all dedicated and passionate residents to volunteer to serve. Dawn is married with three children and three grand children. You can contact her at 267-5969.



Tim Arbenowske joined the Fire Department and EMS staff in 2000. He is cross trained for both EMS and Fire Services with EMT Basic and Firefighter I & II certifications. Tim is committed to the community and helping the Fire Department run as effectively and efficiently as possible while minimizing expenses. Tim has lived in Whitewater Township for the past 11 years. In his other life, he works for USPS as an electronics technician. He is married and has a 15 year old son at Elk Rapids High School. He can be contacted at 267-5969.



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE & PESTICIDE COLLECTION

Grand Traverse County Resource Recovery Department (RecycleSmart) will conduct the fall Household Hazardous Waste & Pesticide collection on Thursday, September 29, from 1– 6:45 PM.

An appointment is required and can be made at www.RecycleSmart.info or by calling the RecycleSmart Hotline at 941-5555. Appointments do fill quickly.

This service is provided to Grand Traverse County residents at no cost (up to 150 lb. thereafter) with the exception of televisions and other electronics, which will be charged .38 /lb. Accepted material includes oil based paints (latex is not accepted), automobile fluids, cleaning products, pesticides, mercury, moth balls, pool chemicals and more....

A Short History on the RC-1 Zoning District

- Prior to 1988, the minimum lot size for the RC-1 Zoning District was 40,000 sq. ft.,
- In 1988, the Township changed the minimum lot size to 5 acres.
- In 2004 all R-1 pockets surrounded by RC-1 District (with the exception of the Island View Drive and Shelly B Lane) were rezoned to RC-1.

At their regular meeting August 23, 2011, The Township Board adopted the following policy:

THE WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER POLICY

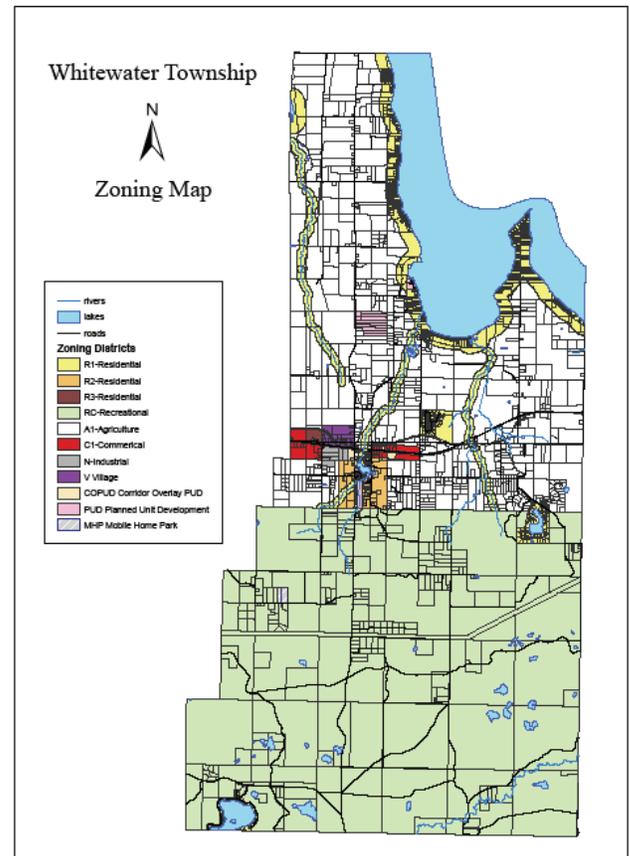
Promotion space is offered in “The Whitewater Township” newsletter to advertise agricultural, industrial, commercial, educational or recreational advantages of the state, county or Township. Whitewater Township reserves the right to reject any promotion which is deemed obscene, offensive, misleading, or is in any way inconsistent with this policy. Space may be limited and the Township reserves the right to select advertisements for optimum space utilization.

Interested? Contact Leslie or Della for more information

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

This year's Halloween party is scheduled for October 29 from 6 - 9 PM at the Fire Station on Old -72. Care to donate to the event? Contact Lois MacLean at 735-3987.

This year's event is bound to be SPOOKTACULAR!



SCRAP TIRE ROUND-UP and CLEAN-UP DAY RECAP

Over 300 tires were collected this summer. Thanks to a grant from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, residents were able to discard scrap tires for \$1 each!

The summer clean-up day, August 27, netted 85 yards of waste.

Special thanks go out to Erikson's Salvage for collecting the tires on our behalf and to the Williamsburg Welfare Wheelers for collecting tires in the state land.

The Whitewater Emergency Services Auxiliary wishes to thank everyone that participated with their Spaghetti Dinner, September 10. Over \$750 was raised and will be used for equipment needs.

October Harvest Gathering at Samels Farm 8298 Skegemog Point Road, Williamsburg (2 miles north of M72)



8th Annual Harvest Gathering October 09, 2011 - 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Come join the fun with tours of the farm, blacksmithing demonstrations, drag saw demonstrations, and grain milled with power from a 'hit & miss'. An apple press will squeeze apple juice for you to take home. There will be corn roasting for guests' consumption, shingle making, rope making, wagon rides behind the draft horses through the pastures and down to the Old Growth Forest wood lot. There will be 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, maples, ironwoods, beech, and oaks. Susan Hall, of the Samels' Family Artifact Team explains the Indian artifacts that the Samels collected over the years as they plowed their fields. There will be OLDE TIMEY music played and sung by local artisans. 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. A video of the Samels brothers will run 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.

There will be no charge for this day on the farm!



2nd ANNUAL TWILIGHT 5K FUN RUN/WALK

SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2011

MILL CREEK

Location: Mill Creek Elementary School, 9039 Old M72, Williamsburg MI 49690

Distance/Course: 5K starts and finishes at the Elementary School

Entry Fee: \$25.00 for 18 and older, 17 & under \$15.00. (T-Shirt included in registration fee)

Awards: Presented to overall top 3 male and female in various age groups (groups to be announced at a later date)

Purpose: The Mill Creek Elementary 5K Fun Run/Walk and Spaghetti Dinner are for families to enjoy a community activity together, while generating funds toward future 2011-2012 school year projects organized by the Mill Creek Elementary PTO.

General Information: Entry fees are non-refundable. Spaghetti dinner to follow the race (fee for the dinner is not included in race registration. Dinners will be available for Dine-In or Take-Out, and are \$5.00 a plate, children 3 and under are free). Race day registration will begin at 3:00 pm and end at 5:00 pm. Race start time is 6pm.

Applications can be picked up at the following places:

Whitewater Township Hall

Elk Rapids Township Hall

Elk Rapids Public Schools – all buildings

Or register online: www.twilight5krun.com

www.erschools.com

Should you have any questions or if you would like to volunteer contact Brenda McLellan via email brendamcl@ymail.com or cell phone 231-357-3755