



Green Lake Township

NEWSLETTER

Summer 2008

TOWNSHIP BOARD

SUPERVISOR: Paul Biondo
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OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday 8:00am-5:30pm, Closed Friday

TOWNSHIP BOARD: 2nd Monday of each month at 6:00pm

PLANNING COMMISSION: 4th Monday of each month at 6:30pm

ZBA MEETING: 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm

THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME TO ATTEND THESE MEETINGS.

WEB SITE: www.greenlaketownship.org

EMAIL: greenlaketownship@charter.net

Green Lake Township Renewal Millage for Emergency Services

Green Lake Township residents will be asked to vote for a renewal millage for Emergency Services on Tuesday, August 5, 2008 for (Fire/Ambulance/Rescue). The present millage, voted on in 2002 was levied from 2003-2008. This is not a new tax, just a request to renew the old millage. This request will be for a period from 2009-2013. The only source of funding for all Emergency Services operations is through this township millage. This includes personnel, equipment, supplies and fuel.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Adult and Youth Ball are under way with ball games almost every night at the Green Lake Township Field of Dreams Park. Over 150 youth are playing on 13 teams, and there are 12 CO-Ed and 13 Men's teams. Stop by and cheer on your favorite youth, Men's or CO-ED teams. For more information on baseball or youth ball, call Heather Simpson at 231-313-1300.

If you would like to plan a family reunion or picnic, a pavilion is available with picnic tables, grills, and a playground for the kids. There is also a paved quarter mile walking path and basketball court. Call Green Lake Township offices for more information at 231-276-9329.



In Memoriam

AL HERZFELD

Green Lake Township was deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Al Herzfeld. Al was the caretaker of the Green Lake Township Field of Dreams Park. He cut the grass, maintained the baseball and soccer fields, fixed what needed to be fixed, and picked up after everyone. Green Lake township lost a dear friend and comrade. He will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Al's family.

Green Lake Township WEB SITE & EMAIL

Check out Green Lake Township's web site at greenlaketownship.org. Here you will see the latest information on happenings in the township and upcoming events. You may get a hold of the various departments through email also. There are links to Interlochen Chamber of Commerce, Cherry Festival, Interlochen Center for the Arts and Interlochen Public Library, etc.

Message from Paul Biondo, Supervisor

We are proud to share with you that our efforts over the years are starting to come to fruition. The Interlochen Improvement District (DDA) is established. Through our planning efforts and visioning sessions with the community, we have realized that the only way to meet the needs of our residents is to be proactive in developing a plan for our future.

Michigan State University's Small Town Design Initiative Program enthusiastically selected Green Lake Township's application for a streetscape and corridor design. The final presentation of their design will be presented on July 15, 2008, at 6:30pm at the Interlochen Library. We invite all of you to participate in this event. We are very excited to see the vision of Interlochen through the fresh eyes of the Michigan State students and faculty.

Grand Traverse County has been working with a world renowned Planning Firm, Robert Grow Consulting and team, to establish a future plan for the Tri-County area. During the process, Interlochen was recognized as the next up and coming town center. Our efforts have received attention throughout Grand Traverse County. Because of this recognition an entire visioning session was devoted to a plan for Interlochen. It was held at the Great Wolf Lodge. We were overwhelmed by the excitement and interest of all of our friends and neighbors throughout the County. The map that was used for the Interlochen visioning session is available for review at the Township office. At their grand finale presentation some grant money will be awarded to some of the most desired projects. Please plan to attend in support of Interlochen. We will post the date and time on our website (greenlaketownship.org).



Keeping Our Township

GREEN

**GREEN LAKE TOWNSHIP
COMPOST FACILITY**

Green Lake Township has a compost Facility on Youker Road for residents to use. There is no charge for this service, but you must come and sign out a key from the township offices. You may dispose of leaves and grass clippings only.

BRUSH DROP OFF

Grand Traverse County has a drop off site for brush, branches and stumps. It is located on Keystone Road in Traverse City. Hours are: Tuesday noon-7:00pm; Thursdays 9:00am-3:00pm; Saturdays 9:00am-3:00pm. Call 231-941-5555 if you have any further questions. There is a charge.

HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTIONS

Grand Traverse County has set the date of July 31, 2008 for their Household Hazardous Waste & Pesticide Collection. Beginning June 30, 2008, appointments may be made on line at www.recyclesmart.info or by calling 231-941-5555. Appointments are required. Other collection dates will be in September and a possibility of a date in November.

SUMMER BURNING

There are two ways to obtain a burning permit. You can call the phone number 866-922-2876 or by internet at www.michigan.gov/burnpermit.

By Phone: When calling, you will hear a recording that says you have reached the Michigan DNR Open Burning Permit Hotline and a recording will ask for information such as name, county, township, location or address where burning will take place, phone number and materials being burned.

By Internet: The heading at the top of the page will be Department of Natural Resources information, for a burning permit, click on "Applying online". Follow the directions and click on submit and printout your confirmation number.

Notes from Sue Schroeter, Treasurer

Interesting Facts About Your Summer Bill

The township tax is not on your summer bill. The Township collects for and distributes to the entities listed on your bill.

Property #	explanation	Example 28-07-000-000-00
28	=	Grand Traverse County
07	=	Green Lake Township
000	=	either your section or subdivision number
000	=	your lot or parcel number
00	=	split information (if you divided your land)

The fiscal years listed on your bill has nothing to do with the dates your taxes cover. The bills received in a calendar year covers that year and is determined by what was on your property the previous December 31.

Green Lake Township has 3 school districts within its boundaries. If you live in the Traverse City School District, your Principal Residence exemption is shown on your summer bill. If you live in the Kingsley or Buckley School District, your exemption is shown on your winter bill.

Some taxpayers may be eligible for a summer tax deferment (to defer taxes until February 14, 2009). If you are a senior citizen (over 62), paraplegic, quadriplegic, eligible widow, blind or totally disabled, and earn under \$40,000.00 per year, you may qualify.

Please call me with any questions, concerns or just to say hi. Have a safe, happy and healthy summer.

FROM THE CLERKS OFFICE:

Rita Dinger reminds all voters of the primary Election on Tuesday, August 5, 2008 and the General Election on Tuesday, November 4, 2008. To request an application to vote absentee, just call 231-276-9329 or write to me at Post Office Box 157, Interlochen MI 49643. To be eligible to vote in the primary, you must be registered by July 7th. Reminder that a photo ID **MUST** be shown at the polls in order to vote. If you are unsure of your polling place, check your voter card or call the Township office.

Welcome Vicki Warner, Assessor

Green Lake Township welcomes aboard, Vickie Warner, our new Township Assessor. Vickie has been with the Township since January 1, 2008. She has worked with Grand Traverse County Equalization Department and has been busy getting to know the area and people. Come in, say hello, introduce yourself and welcome Vickie.

