

FRIENDSHIP TOWNSHIP



NEWSLETTER

June 2022

ROAD UPDATE – In 2022 5 Mile Creek Road will be wedged in spots and sealcoated full length, La Count Road – sealcoat, cost shared with West Traverse Township, and South Lamkin Road gravel 4". Road Commission allocation for 2022 is \$16,952.

TOWNSHIP HALL / WI-FI - There is free wireless internet service available at the township hall. You can access it in the parking lot. No password required. Also, there is a water faucet on the south side of the building for use for cemetery watering. It will be useable during the warm months only.

LIBRARY – The Township contracts with the Alanson Area Library for library services for township residents. The library offers a robust collection of materials including current best sellers, juvenile and young adult collections, large print materials, CD-audio books, magazines, a Michigan section, DVD and VHS movies, interlibrary loan program, free access to ancestry.com on library computers, free downloads of e-books and audio-books to personal devices using Great Lakes Digital Library link (don't need to go to library-just need library card). Normally they also offer a variety of programs and classes for children and adults spring through fall. Check it out. Their website is www.alansonlibrary.org

YOUR TAX BILL - Tax bills are sent out by the Emmet County Treasurer's office. Summer taxes are due September 14th and winter taxes are due on or before Monday, February 14, 2023. This means your payment must be in the treasurer's hand by the end of day February 14th. The treasurer does NOT go by postmark date.

The township treasurer does take **partial payments from December 1st until February 28th for the winter tax bill and July 1 until February 28th for the summer tax bill.**

If that would be of help to you please contact Treasurer Kati Negley at (231)242-8752 or email at treasurer@friendshiptownship.org for more information.

CEMETERY and SEXTON/ CARETAKER- David Van Divner is the sexton and caretaker. You can contact him regarding cemetery matters at 231-526-6410. There are just a few spaces left to purchase in the "old" cemetery. The township has created a new cemetery just south of the fire hall on the west side of Beacon Hill Lane. It is known as Friendship Township Cemetery West. Lot pricing for either cemetery is as follows: if land owner or resident \$80 per grave space, limit 2; if not owner or resident then \$1,000 per grave space, limit 2.

Following is a partial listing of care and maintenance rules: No artificial flowers, vines, etc.; the use of stones, crushed rock, or chipped material is not allowed; Glass jars, bottles or vases are not allowed; Beds of flowers,

vines, etc., will not be allowed to extend the full length of the grave, and will be limited to extend 12 inches from the base of the monument foundation to the outside edge of the bed. Maintenance of such plantings is the responsibility of the plot owner. The sexton has the right to remove or trim any dead, overgrown, unsightly, or diseased trees, shrubs, or vines and bushes. The sexton will notify the family, if possible. It will be the responsibility of the owners to cover expenses of removal or replacement. Flower urns must be placed in a line with the markers or monuments where possible. Planting of bushes or trees must be approved by the sexton, or will be subject to removal.

ELECTION - We have a Primary Election August 2nd the General Election November 8th. An absentee ballot application can be accessed online at mvic.sos.state.mi.us (Michigan Voter Information Center) where you can either apply online or print an application. It is not required to have an application form. The application must be in writing requesting a ballot, the address to send ballot and your signature. Both the August and November election ballots can be requested with one application if you specify that you are applying for both elections. The clerk can receive the request by email - take a picture of the form and attach- or regular mail. Email is jvandivner.friendship@gmail.com. Mailing address is Friendship Township Clerk, 8774 Kawegoma Road, Harbor Springs MI 49740. If you have questions email at the above address or call (231)526-6410.

SPRING CLEAN UP - Just a reminder that Friendship Township no longer does a spring clean up. Friendship Township residents have access to the Emmet County Transfer Station and an extensive recycling program. For metals, appliances, cars, etc. you can contact Jesse Hadix at Stutsmanville Salvage at 231-838-2183 to make arrangements for pick up or drop off.

MIDDLE VILLAGE PARK – The park is open and beautiful. Please note that dogs are NOT allowed at this beach. We want to keep the beach clean and safe for our little ones.

OPPORTUNITIES - We have openings on the Friendship Township Planning Commission and on the M-119 Tunnel of Trees Committee. If you are interested in serving your community in this way please contact our supervisor, Fred Troup at (231)526-6918.

The RFC Fire and Rescue Firefighters Association is always interested in adding new recruits to their team. Contact Trustee Marty Mac Gregor if interested in the Fire and/or Rescue at (231)-838-4879.

We hope everyone has a wonderful summer!

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