

GARFIELD TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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Branch Library at Town Hall

The Kalkaska County Library is very excited to announce a new collaboration with Garfield Township to offer regular library services at the Town Hall, beginning in the fall of 2023. The aim of this project is to make it much more convenient for residents in the southern townships of Kalkaska County to access library services two days per week, year-round. Patrons can expect the same sorts of services offered at the library in downtown Kalkaska. Please email library director John Roberts with questions or comments at john@kalkaskalibrary.org.

Free Property Fraud Alerts

Register of Deeds JoAnn DeGraaf encourages residents to sign up for an alert on any document with their name match. Once a document is recorded resident will be contacted by phone or email within 48 hours; contact information is NOT shared and only used for notification purposes. Sign up at: www.propertyfraudalert.com

Successful Spring Cleanup

We are grateful for our volunteers who are so generous with their time; this could not be done without them. THANK YOU ALL!



Our youngest and strongest Volunteer...Nate

Supervisor Todd Jones

Township Officials

Treasurer Terri Sibole

Trustees Bryan Moore and Eric Rohn

Website: www.garfieldtwsp.com

Pioneer Family Announced

This year's Pioneer Family is Ambrose and Mary Stuck who settled in the Sharon Area of Garfield Township shortly after the turn of the 20th century. This year's award will be presented at the Garfield Museum 11AM Saturday August 26th; the Pioneer Picnic will follow at Veterans Memorial Park.

Senior Meal Site Services



The Kalkaska Commission on Aging Meal Site at the Garfield Town Hall operates every Monday from 10:00am – 2:00pm; it not only provides warm, homemade meals with freshly made salad bar, but also provides activities, services, special events and social interaction. Stop in, check us out and enjoy a hearty meal with your neighbors.

Summer Park Activities

Summer Activities & Events (A&E) are being planned for both young and the young at heart. Once details are locked in these A&E's will be announced on the Garfield Township Website. We would love to see you in attendance showing your support. Keep checking: www.garfieldtwsp.com

Plants, Shrubs and Flowers

We're still need a few good "green thumbs" to help with landscaping our public places, especially the new Veterans Memorial.

Clerk Brett Southworth

Memorial Health Center is 70

Kalkaska Memorial Health Center (KMHC) came to be in 1953 when our local community leaders advocated for the creation of a Hospital Authority under Act 47 of 1945. Once approved by the voters, the hard work began to provide for the health and welfare of not only our residents, but the visitors of our community. KMHC Board of Trustees have carried this culture, history and heritage forward in every decision they have and will make. As a rural, critical access hospital they strive to be the first choice in the communities KMHC serves. State of the art facilities are important, but world class staff, services and keeping patients at the center of all they do is what KMHC is known for. Our new Acute Care Pavilion will open this Fall.

KMHC Bill Payment Help

Did you know you can use your Winter Hospital Tax Millage payment to offset a hospital invoice. Contact Kalkaska Treasurers Office for a five-year tax history, or take your tax receipt to KMHC billing office; each years credit can be used once..

Blight Ordinance Updating

In response to changing Community expectations, the Township Board has established a Committee to make recommended changes to the current ordinances; public input is welcome. Committee meetings to be posted on website



Blight conditions to be addressed in new ordinance

Current Playset to be Sold

The focus of many childrens activities for the last twenty-years is being replaced. Watch the Garfield Website for sale info.



Park Construction Schedule

In an effort to avoid summer conflicts with Little League, Family Reunions and everyday use of Veterans Memorial Park the new driveway and playground construction will not begin until after Labor Day.

Will is Back....

Over the years, Will has worked at our Park during both his High School and College summers. If you've noticed this years improvements...Thank Will for giving us one more summer of TLC. Also, "Hats Off" to Al, Wally and Paul for their Woodland Trail efforts and for moving old equipment.



Sixth generation Garfield descendant volunteers