

GARFIELD TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2024

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New Clerk Assumes Duties

Brett Southworth has stepped away from his duties as Garfield Township Clerk and has turned those responsibilities over to Ken Nason who was recently appointed to the position. Those needing to contact the Township Clerks Office can call the Town Hall (231) 369-2483.



Clerk Ken Nason with Brett Southworth

Treasurer's Office Request

Please remember to include a phone number on your checks. If there is an error on your check, it is much easier to make a phone call rather than returning the check to you. We do accept credit card payments for your taxes. The card processor charges a 3% fee to use this service. There is a link available on our website, garfieldtwp.com, on the main page. If you would like a receipt mailed to you, please include a SASE with your payment. Receipts can be emailed if you provide your email address on your payment form. If you need to apply for the homestead exemption, change your mailing address or have a question about your assessment, please contact the assessor at assessorgarfieldtownship@gmail.com

Cellular Tower Erected

When travelling the Fletcher & Moorestown Road area you will notice the new tower; while not operational yet, it will be soon. T-Mobile will be the first service provided later this year; we expect that others will follow. This enhancement will significantly help our public safety response to the remote state forest areas,

Supervisor Todd Jones

Township Officials

Treasurer Terri Sibole

Trustees Bryan Moore and Eric Rohn

Website: www.garfieldtwp.com**Park Renovation to be Rebid**

With only one contractor bidding the first go round, the DNR required us to try again. Current bids are due July 11th; an award will have work completed by Fall '24

Pioneer Family Announced

This year's Pioneer Family will be announced by the Garfield Historical Society in July with the biographical information; selected families must have settled in Garfield Township no less than 100 years prior to selection. This year's award will be presented at the Garfield Museum 11AM Saturday August 24th; the Pioneer Picnic will follow at Veterans Memorial Park. All are Welcome to attend. Bring a Dish to Pass.

Spring Cleanup Shake-Up

A New GFL Team, new layout and a late start did not hamper the great results of 129 vehicles/trailers filling four garbage trucks and three dumpsters to the brim. We are grateful for the opportunity to continue keeping our Community Green. We Thank Township Board for keeping this program and our Volunteers who pull this together. Bottle Drive nearly \$200 toward the Parks new Playground Equipment,



Trustee Bryan Moore Leading the Way!

Branch Library Days/Hours

Library Services at the Town Hall are every Monday from 9AM to 6PM; Services include: Pickup and return of books, catalog and request items, public computers, printing, tax services and Scheduled Special Event/Programs.

Clerk Ken Nason

Pickleball Demonstration a Hit



Parks Board Member Kimberli Bindschatel has championed the effort to bring this recreation activity to our community. While dedicated courts are being planned, an interim idea of temporarily using the basketball court was proposed. After painting the lines, acquiring a portable equipment set and advertising locally, a demonstration was conducted in early June.

Memorial Day Honors Held

While the weather was less than ideal, our Cemetery, Old and New, looked its best ever. Miraculously, at the appointed time, the rain stopped, families appeared and the American Legion Honor Guard from South Boardman conducted a very respectful Memorial Service for those local Veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their country. We are forever grateful for all who make this possible.



KMHC Looks to the Future

Despite the unfounded rumors that our hospital is for sale (it is NOT); the Board of Trustees (BOT) has been looking at ways to keep our Hospital not only independent, but in existence for the next 70 years. Things like, bringing some contracted services in-house, developing partnerships and becoming 501(c)(3) Not-for-Profit (NFP) Hospital, which would enhance KMHC's ability to remain INDEPENDENT and maintain its LOCAL voice, LOCAL governance and LOCAL control. All of which would best position KMHC for the foreseeable future.

Is Graffiti Art or Vandalism

Graffiti is a form of visual communication involving the unauthorized stylistic symbol, image or phrase on a public space by an individual or group. In urban areas it may be gang-related. We do not believe that gangs are responsible for this graffiti, but we are certain that this is vandalism. We have been in touch with the roadway authorities and have a group willing to whitewash the graffiti if they would cover the expense of removing this distraction along our Beautiful Big Manistee River Route.



Graffiti Along Beautiful Big Manistee River

Please Slow Down. Speed Kills!

Average speeds have continued to increase over time to the point that some drivers are no longer complying with Michigan Law which states motorists MUST drive at a careful and prudent speed that is reasonable and proper; said speed MUST permit a stop within clear distance ahead, While the vast majority of drivers are in compliance with Michigan Law, but it's not uncommon to encounter speeders traveling between 75-100 MPH on county/state roads in our Community. Motorists are reminded that the time saved by speeding is minimal and risks death, injuries and steep fines. In Michigan, on average, over a five year period, there are 950 traffic deaths related to speed. State, County and Township Patrols are looking for these careless drivers; speeding is a quick way to meet one of these dedicated Officers. Safe Travels!

