

GARFIELD TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2023

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Special Cell Tower Meeting

The Garfield Township Board will hold a Special Meeting 6PM Tuesday December 12, 2022 at the Town Hall regarding tower in the Fletcher and Moorestown Road area.

Pioneer Family Recognized



This years Pioneer Family is Ambrose and Mary Stuck who moved to Garfield Township around 1900. Pictured are descendants who still live in our Community

Grant Construction Delay

DNR Park Bids are projected to be awarded after the first of the year with construction of new access road and playground beginning in March 2024. Site preparation for future Pickleball Court did get underway this Fall.



Spring Cleanup; Save Date

As always, this occurs over the Memorial Day Weekend. The 2024 cleanup will be 7AM-Noon Saturday May 25th at the Hatley Road Annex Property. Cleanup Rules are posted on the Garfield Township Website. Park & Rec Bottle Drive will occur at the same time and location. Direction Signs will be posted at all intersections.

Supervisor Todd Jones

Township Officials

Treasurer Terri Sibole

Trustees Bryan Moore and Eric Rohn

Website: www.garfieldtwsp.com

Christmas Bazaar Returns

Local artisans and crafters returned Saturday November 25th for the Second Annual Christmas at Taffeltown Lodge. Another great response from the Community made the effort mutually beneficial for all involved. The Lodge continues to realize its true potential as it grows as an event venue. While the restaurant is closed for the winter there are Special Events; contact Dean or Rene' at (231) 564-1203 or check: YouAreHere@TaffelTownLodge.com or TaffelTown Lodge on Facebook.

Branch Library Coming

Thanks to a significant grant grant award from the Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation, library services are projected to begin at the Garfield Town Hall in mid-December with basic services; the long-term goal is to offer afternoon and early evening hours as well. Proposed regular hours will be Mondays and Tuesdays 9AM-1PM. Residents can expect virtually everything that is available at the Main Library in Kalkaska, to include books, magazines, DVDs, printing/Fax services, technology and reference services along with 24/7 free wi-fi connectivity. Library staff are excited to provide these services to Garfield Township...we are too! Questions? Email staff at: info@kalkaskalibrary.org

A Place to Meet and Eat

The Kalkaska County Commission on Aging (COA) continues to operate our local Senior Congregate Meal Site at the Town Hall every Monday from 10AM-2PM; lunch is served at noon. This is a great opportunity to meet with friends, neighbors and family without the hassle of preparing the food. To participate call COA at 231-258-5030 to save a seat and order your meal. Looking forward to your joining us soon.

Clerk Brett Southworth



Health, Safety and Welfare

A cooperative effort between Garfield Township and the Kalkaska Board of Commissioners has resulted in the construction of a commercial water well and pump on the Townships property. The well is capable of pumping 400 gallons per minute; this will enable Garfield Township to provide the community fresh water source. Equally important, especially in an emergency situations, the water point will enable the Garfield Fire Department to replenish their fire apparatus water supplies in a timely manner. This Joint Project was made possible by Federal Funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) which encouraged infrastructure improvements,

Acute Care Pavilion Opens



Kalkaska Memorial Health Center held a ribbon cutting and facility tours for the public on November 12th. The highlight being the new state of the art Emergency Department. This facility will serve the needs of our Community for years to come

Quality Deer Management

Garfield Township is a sportsmans paradise with ample woods, streams, rivers, trails on our public lands. Here is one example; this young hunter is just one of many successful outdoorsman in our area. This monster 17 point buck was good enough to win the Mancelona Buck Pole for most points.



Construction Underway

By the time you are reading this Newsletter, the New Angell Bridge over the Cannon Creek will have been completed. Project Ambassador Gildo Tori and Chad from Kanouse Restoration, and their Team, have worked tirelessly under less than ideal circumstances and weather conditions to keep project on track; we are both Thankful and Grateful for their efforts. Thank You!!!

