



# Humboldt Township—Champion, Michigan 49814—Spring 2021 Township update

## Happy Spring

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Summer is upon us and we're working on projects in the township. Rebuilding outhouses and repair to the vault at the cemetery. Road improvement are ongoing as money becomes available. County Road 478 will see 2 miles of new blacktop as well as FA East, FX, and FNR. Many residents in the township are concerned about the blight issues, please see info on the next page. Wishing everyone a great summer!

Thomas Prophet, Supervisor

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[www.humboldt.town](http://www.humboldt.town)

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 Administrator  
 Betty Grund . . . . . Deputy Treasurer  
 Doreen Weaver . . . . . Deputy Clerk  
 Jackie Solomon . . . . . Assessor

**SUMMER HOURS:**  
 8:30am-2:30pm  
 Monday-Wednesday

**TAX COLLECTION HOURS**  
**TUESDAY & THURSDAY**  
 10:00pm-12:00pm

Township Offices Will Be Closed  
 for the Following Holidays  
 New Year's Day  
 Memorial Day  
 Independence Day  
 Labor Day  
 Thanksgiving Day  
 Friday Following Thanksgiving  
 Christmas Eve  
 Christmas Day  
 New Year's Eve

## HUMBOLDT TOWNSHIP BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS & EVENTS

### Meetings

Humboldt Township Board . . . . . Meets 2nd Monday of each month  
 Planning Commission . . . . . Meets 4th Monday of each month  
 Fire Department . . . . . Meets 1st Wednesday of each month at Fire Hall

### Upcoming Events

Senior Lunch . . . . . Potluck or donation. Held 2nd Wednesday of each month 12 PM  
 Children's Fishing Derby . . . . . June 12, 10:00 AM  
 Township Clean-up . . . . . Friday, June 18, 4 PM-8 PM; Saturday June 19, 8 AM-4 PM  
 . . . . . Friday, September 10, 4 PM-8 PM; Saturday September 11, 8 AM-4 PM  
 General Election . . . . . Tuesday, November 2, Polls open 7am—8pm



- All Meeting times are at 7PM unless otherwise stated
- All meetings are held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act of 1976. Meetings are held at the Humboldt Township Hall 244 County Road FAF, Champion, MI 49814 unless otherwise indicated. Meetings are subject to change of date, time, and place, pending notification.
- The Fire Department meetings are held at the Humboldt Township Fire Hall 15350 US Hwy 41, Champion, MI 49814
- The Township of Humboldt will provide necessary and reasonable auxiliary aids and services for individuals with disabilities attending township meetings upon one week's notice to the Township of Humboldt. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Township of Humboldt in writing. Please address all correspondence to: Sarah Etelamaki, Clerk—244 County Road FAF, Champion, MI 49814

## Children's Fishing Derby

**Humboldt Township is happy to announce that we will be holding the Children's Fishing Derby this year! We hope to see you there!!**

**HUMBOLDT TOWNSHIP**  
 Children's Fishing Derby

**Date:**  
 Saturday, June 12, 2021

**Time:**  
 Registration starts at 10:00am

**Place:**  
 Humboldt Township Pond  
 244 County Rd FAF, Champion



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Join us for free food, prizes, and fishing fun!  
 Every child 17 and under gets a prize!  
 Worms are provided.



Sponsored by the Humboldt Township Fire Department

## Clerk's Corner

Happy Spring everyone! It finally feels like summer is around the corner. Though our winter was mild, I welcome the warmer temperatures and green grass over the cold and snow.

This year, we will not have an election in August. We did have one proposal on the May ballot for our General Operating renewal, which I am happy to report passed. So we are set for another 4 years before that will be up on a renewal again. Not much else is on the horizon as far as elections go. As always, I will throw it out there that if anyone has any interest in becoming an election inspector, please reach out to me and I can help.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable summer!

-Sarah Etelamaki, Clerk-

## Township Happenings

A few things of interest that are happening in the Township.

Several trees have been removed at the cemetery and at the pond site since they had succumbed to the deadly Spruce Bud Worm. Some cedar trees have been planted to replace the ones by the pond.

This past winter we tried an ice skating rink at the park. We have since ordered an EZ Ice Rink that will be set up next winter on the west side of the town hall. There have also been discussions on erecting a warming shack as well. More info to come as we do more research and planning.

Some more minor improvements to the cemetery vault, and park outhouses are planned.

Road improvements continue as we accumulate more revenue for our road fund. Slowly but surely we are making progress on our township roads!

## Planning Commission News

The Humboldt Township Planning Commission has resumed regular monthly meetings. Meetings are subject to any regulations handed down from the State health officials at the time.

It is our hope to resume progress on the following:

### -Recreation Plan Update

The Commission would appreciate hearing from you the residents of Humboldt as to any unmet recreational needs of its citizens.

### -Zoning Ordinance Update

The Zoning Ordinance is now needing its 5 year update. We hope to prepare changes which will bring harmony with the recently completed Master Plan.

### -Cemetery Ordinance Update

Many years have passed since this ordinance was updated. A draft was sent to the Board last year and the Planning Commission will soon have made changes as recommended by the Board. It is hoped the changes will enable operating the Cemetery in accordance with modern burial standards.

The Commission meets.....

Stop in as we would appreciate you coming!

-Jim Kippola, PC Chairman

## Treasurer's News

Hello once again. My first tax season as your newly elected treasurer has come and gone and I am happy to report everything went rather smoothly. Though it may be hard to believe, the 2021 summer tax season is quickly approaching. Tax bills will begin to arrive starting July 1, 2021. If there are any address changes, please notify the Township hall as soon as possible as the bills will be printed at the end of June. Remember, the last day to pay summer taxes without interest is September 14th, 2021. If remitting a payment after hours, there is a secure drop box located just outside the office doors. Also, if receipt is desired, don't forget to enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope with your payment. Always feel free to contact me via telephone (906) 339-2927 or email at treasurer@humboldt.town. Thank you and pray you have a healthy, safe, and enjoyable summer!!

Chris Grund, Treasurer

## Fire Department News

The Fire Department has been busy planning the Fishing Derby. Please show your support and come have a good time on June 12th!

During a few recent fire calls, the department has realized that 2 of the trucks in the fleet have aged to the point of no longer being an asset to the township. They were able to acquire a good deal on a "new" truck to replace the disabled ones. Our Fire Department will now be well equipped to fight any fires or emergencies that may hit the township. We are grateful for all of our volunteer fire fighters! Thank you for your dedication!

## Blight Issues

There have been complaints throughout the township again regarding blight on several properties. The Township does have an ordinance against blight which is copied below. It is a good time to evaluate your property and take care of any blight since the clean up dates are coming up (see info to the right). There have been local advertisements for free vehicle removal that could be explored also.

### Article IV Section 407 Use of Yard or Open Space

In a residential district it is prohibited to use the open space surrounding a dwelling for the open air parking, disposition, storage, wrecking, dismantling, accumulation, or abatement, either temporary or otherwise, of disused, discarded, worn out, wrecked, or dismantled vehicles, machinery, implements, apparatus, furniture, appliances, junk, or any other personal property. A maximum of two unlicensed and temporarily disabled vehicles may be stored on the premises provided they are screened from adjacent residences and the road.

Please do your part and help keep our Township clean!

## Township Clean-Up Dates

Friday, June 18  
4 PM to 8 PM

Friday, September 10  
4PM to 8PM

Saturday, June 19  
8 AM to 4 PM

Saturday, September 11  
8AM to 4PM

Do:

- Bring a tax statement or other proof of residency
- Dispose of the following types of items:  
Furniture  
Stoves  
Wood (less than 4' no nails)  
Metal  
Tires off rims (4/household)

Don't:

- Dispose of anything in the roll offs out side of posted hours
- Don't dispose of the following items:  
Household Garbage  
Lawn Clippings & Brush  
Refrigerators  
Lead-based Paint Containers

