



# Humboldt Township—Champion, Michigan 49814—Spring 2021

# Township update

## Happy Spring

We as a Board continue to make improvements to our township. We are also planting trees and cleaning up lots of limbs that have fallen from the recent storms. We are doing a small parking lot expansion at the ball field. We are also going to do repairs or replacement of the cemetery fence. I hope everyone has a fun and safe summer!

Jeff Ogea, Supervisor

## Planning Commission News

Membership on the Township Board Appointed Planning Commission saw changes in the first months of 2022. First, Carrie Hair from the Black River District was appointed in April- Welcome Carrie! Second, after serving 3 years, Nate Denofre resigned to pursue work with a new non profit that is involved with Veteran health and VA facilities. We wish you well Nate. That leaves a vacancy on the PC and if you are interested in helping guide the Board through various planning activities, please contact Clerk Sarah Etelamaki.

This years efforts by the PC are under way. Here are regular agenda work program items for 2022.

### Zoning Ordinance Update-

Expected to be discussed are:

- Permanent and seasonal dwelling mixes on lakefront properties
- Short term rental regulations

### Lundin Closure planning for Humboldt Mill-

The company has hired planning consultants to prepare plans for the ultimate closure of their processing plant in Humboldt.

### Recreation Plan 5 Year Update-

Recreation Plans are required to leverage State and Federal funds for upgrades or development of new Township Recreational facilities. Recent contributions by Lundin Mining will also help to accomplish the mission in providing for new recreational opportunities. A few prominent aspects expected to be discussed are:

- Trail development, including the Iron Ore Heritage Trail & Republic Mine Wetlands project.
- Addressing needs at the Township recreation complex adjacent to the hall.
- The Fish Lake public access site .
- The Tower Lake property & Black River basketball court

A good plan can be developed with input from the residents of our Township. We are already in receipt of some new ideas. Watch for future public workshops to see what's happening with the Plan in 2022.

Jim Kippola, PC Chair

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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, 6:00pm  
 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 11, 10:00 AM  
 Township Clean-up ..... Friday, June 03, 4 PM-8 PM; Saturday June 04, 8 AM-4 PM  
 .....Friday, September 23, 4 PM-8 PM; Saturday September 24, 8 AM-4 PM  
 Primary Election ..... Tuesday, August 02, Polls open 7am-8pm  
 General Election ..... Tuesday, November 02, 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

## Clerk's Corner

Greetings to our fellow Humboldt residents! 2022 is a busy year for elections. May 3rd we had a small ballot with the NICE schools sinking fund renewal, which passed. August 2nd will be the primaries, and up for renewal will be the Humboldt Township Sanitation Millage to continue providing garbage services. November 3rd will be the general election and there will be several offices to vote for on that one. You can find helpful election information if you visit <https://www.michigan.gov/sos/elections>

I am also available to help with any questions you may have so give me a call or stop in to visit. See you at the Polls!

-Sarah Etelamaki, Clerk-

## Township News

-Last summer we had a change in our Board members with the retirement of Tom Prophet. Jeff Ogea took over as Supervisor and Betty Grund was appointed as Trustee. We thank Tom for his many years of service and welcome Jeff & Betty in their new positions!

-Road Improvements for 2022 include County Roads FD, FJ, & FQ.

-Along with the cemetery fence, the new basketball court will also have a fence installed.

-There is now a Foot Care Clinic held at the hall, the second Thursday of the month. Please call for more information.

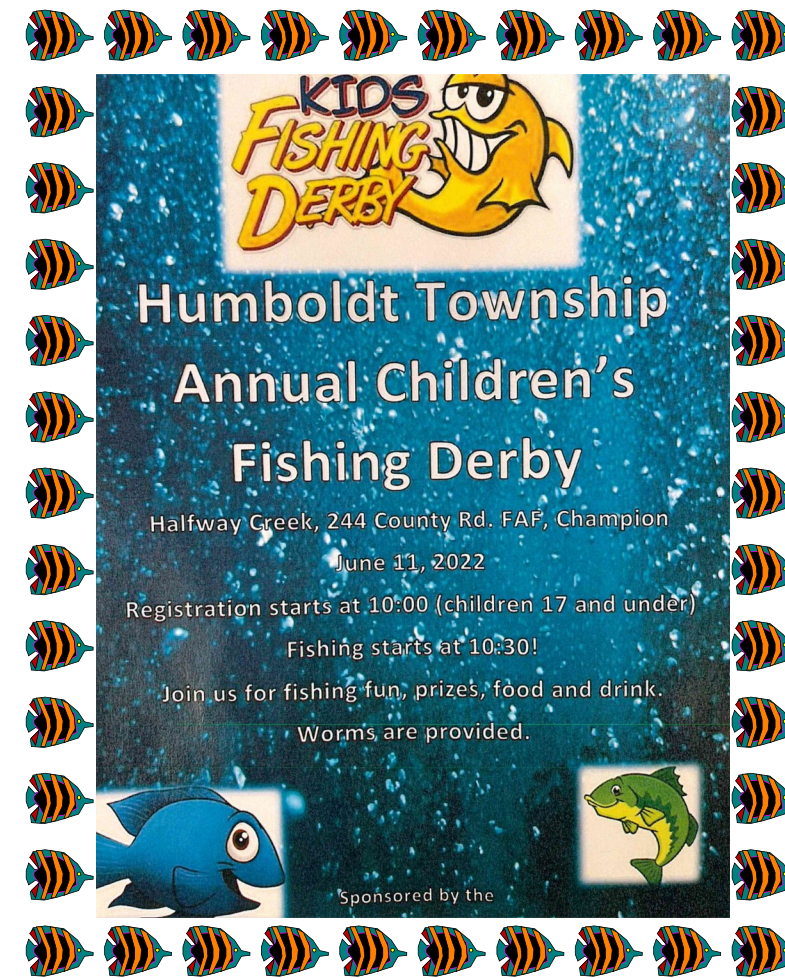
-The Board is excited to announce that we recently joined the West End Emergency Services Authority! There is a crucial need for First Responders in the West End of the county. We are hopeful that this will bring a positive impact to both our residents and neighboring townships. Please contact the hall for more information on how you can become a member.



### Marquette County West End EMS enters historic partnership

The signing was part of a process to develop the West End EMS Authority

## Children's Fishing Derby



## Treasurer's News

Looks like summer has finally arrived!!! Just remember and be prepared, summer tax bills will be on their way the end of June for collection to begin July 1, 2022. FYI; if paying for more than one parcel, payments can be combined into one check. Just make note on the check, or by other means, as to what parcels you are paying. Also remember the secure lock box outside the Township Hall Office door, which we check frequently. Be well and stay safe!!!

-Chris Grund, Treasurer



## Fire Department News

June 11th is the date for the Children's Fishing Derby, sponsored by the Humboldt Fire Department. Please join us for a day of fishing and fun!

If you are interested in helping out the community, there are several options. The Fire Department is always accepting applications. There is also a newly formed Medical First Responder Authority that joins multiple neighboring Townships. It is a great opportunity to provide a greatly needed service in our West end area. Please reach out for more information on how you can become part of a life-saving team!

## Township Issues

Once again, the Board feels the need to highlight some problems within the Township. There is still the ongoing issue of blight throughout the entire Township. We are asking everyone to please clean-up any problem areas that violate our Zoning Ordinance. We will be sending out violation letters when we get complaints.

There also seems to be increasing vandalism on Township property. There are signs of graffiti, as well as several vehicle tracks on multiple park areas. PLEASE be respectful and proud of where we live and treat all property responsibly! The Board has been working hard to make the area beautiful and provide enjoyment for everyone. One last issue pertains to the Michigan Dog Leash Law. Required per MCL 287.262 **no dog owner is allowed to have his or her dog stray in public unless leashed properly.** We have had a few complaints of loose dogs chasing and nipping at people walking and biking. When we receive these calls, we will be calling the police to have the incident investigated. Pets are also not allowed in the park. Please obey the law and contain your pets for everyone's safety!

## Township Clean-Up Dates

Friday, June 3  
4 PM to 8 PM

Friday, September 23  
4PM to 8PM

Saturday, June 4  
8 AM to 4 PM

Saturday, September 24  
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

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

