



Humboldt Township—Champion, Michigan 49814—Spring 2023

Township update

Happy Spring

Hello Humboldt Residents. It's spring and we are gearing up for more Township improvements. The hall is getting a new roof, the ball field will be redone to be used by the Highschool hardball team. The cemetery project is coming along nicely. We have also planted 6 more apple trees on the grounds. I would also like to wish everyone a fun and safe summer.

Jeff Ogea, Supervisor

Planning Commission News

Last year's update of the Township Recreation Plan has put the Township Board in a position to implement it. Watch for upcoming improvements to the Township's Recreation Facilities.

5 Year Road Improvement Plan-

With the help from the increased Road Millage passed by the voters 6 years ago, many improvements have been implemented by the Board. The Planning Commission is preparing the next 5 year strategy and prioritization of new projects for the period 2024-2029. If you have concerns regarding future improvements, please feel free to attend a meeting or drop us a line.

Zoning Ordinance Update-

New trends in land use have given rise to a freshening up of our Zoning Ordinance. Some topics being discussed include:

- The proposition of seasonal vs. year-round dwellings on waterfront.
- Shipping containers as accessory structures
- Outdoor wood boilers
- Solar Energy Systems (SES) residential vs. utility grade systems
- Short-term rentals (vacation rentals/air b&b's)
- Tiny homes, geodesic domes, other innovative dwelling types

Eagle Mine Closure-

Continue review and comment on issues related to the 2027 Eagle Mine closure

It all happens at the hall on the 4th Monday of every month at 6pm. Drop in and share your thoughts!

Jim Kippola, PC Chair

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www.humboldt.town
 Check out the
 Facebook page

Or visit us at the

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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 02, 4 PM-8 PM; Saturday June 03, 8 AM-4 PM
 Friday, September 29, 4 PM-8 PM; Saturday September 30, 8 AM-4 PM
 Primary Election Tuesday, August 08, Polls open 7am-8pm
 General Election Tuesday, November 07, 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

Summer greetings to everyone! Warmer weather has finally arrived! Thanks to those that braved the terrible storm on election day to break up our long day. That was an interesting one. As of right now, there isn't anything on the horizon for an August or November election, though that could change. Next year will be a big one with 3 elections scheduled! With the passage of Proposal 2 last year, be on the lookout for several changes. Depending on what kind of election it is, there could be expanded voting days and there could also be a different voting location. I will do my best to inform everyone, but be vigilant in personal research also. You can always call with any questions and I will do my best to answer.

-Sarah Etelamaki, Clerk-

Township News

Here are a few points of interest for the Township:

-The Recreation Plan was approved in February. The Board has already started working on some of the projects. We are very excited about implementing the plan. To read the plan, please visit the website, www.humboldt.town or stop in the hall.

-The West End Township Emergency Services Authority is up and running. This is a much needed service for all of us on the west end. Please consider joining if able.

-After a request from a resident, and it fitting in with our Rec Plans, the Board has purchased supplies for a portable Pickleball court. It can be used on the new basketball court and taken down when not in use. We hope this will be an enjoyable addition to the baseball complex area. Please inquire at the hall if you are interested in using the equipment.

-Speaking of the baseball complex, you will notice extensive work that will be happening this summer. We are very proud to say that Westwood has just formed a hardball team for the first time in history and Humboldt will be their home field! In order for this to happen, the field needs to be adjusted. There has been lots of positive feedback on this exciting opportunity for our community. Next summer we hope to see many of you at a game!

-The Cemetery is also getting a slight facelift this summer. You may recall the old chain-link fence was removed last fall. The Board is in the process of planting some beautiful burning bushes. There will also be pillars constructed at the entrances to give a more appealing look to honor our loved ones. Another exciting development for the cemetery is the new on-line map and search capabilities. You can find the link on our Township webpage.

-We are still collecting information for our fire number and phone survey located on our website. Please take a moment to fill that out for ease of contact and to evaluate where information is missing in our records. We thank you in advance!

-You also may have noticed that the Ishpeming Senior Center is really doing an excellent job reaching out and getting some much needed services to our seniors. There are many ways they can help and they have some really great leadership to keep moving in a positive future. They are located at 121 Greenwood St. in Ishpeming and the phone number is 906-485-5527. Please reach out to them or us for more information.

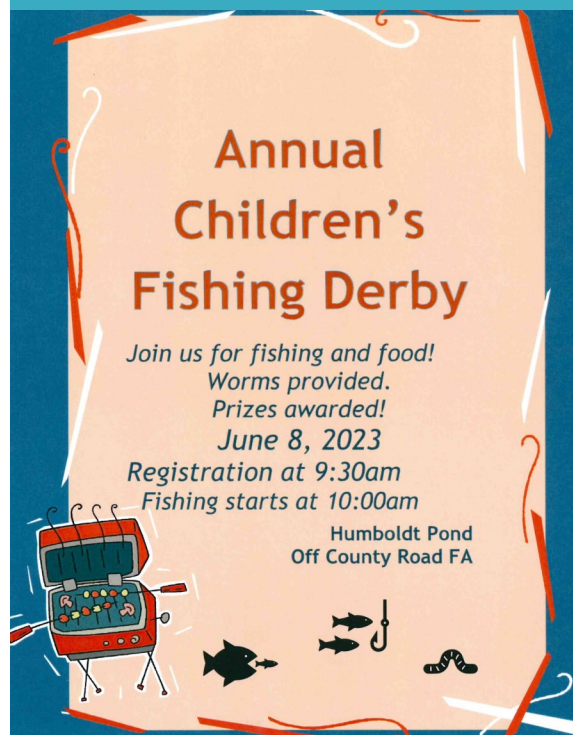
-One more bit of helpful information is that the Township will soon have a 20x20 tent available for rent for outdoor events. You will see it set up at the Children's Fishing Derby. Stay tuned for rental details.

Treasurer's Thoughts

If you're reading this, you've made it through the winter of 2022, pat yourself on the back!!! Let's hope we have a wonderful, pleasant summer, we deserve it. Unfortunately with summer, comes summer taxes. You can expect your summer bill to be delivered July 1st or shortly thereafter. Nothing has changed in the way we will collect payments except to remind you of the secure drop box located by the township hall door. This is checked frequently and your payment will be processed in a timely manner. One other thought to pass along, is that if you're having any problems paying your taxes in full at one time, we do accept partial payments. If you have any questions regarding your taxes, always feel free to contact me at the Township hall. Have a safe and happy summer!!!!

-Chris Grund, Treasurer-

Fishing Derby Info



Annual Children's Fishing Derby

Join us for fishing and food!
Worms provided.
Prizes awarded!
June 8, 2023
Registration at 9:30am
Fishing starts at 10:00am

Humboldt Pond
Off County Road FA

The poster features illustrations of a fishing boat, a fish, a worm, and a fishing hook.

Township Happenings

-This summer's Road Improvement Projects will include the following roads:

FAA, FBB, FBC, & FK

Please be patient as they are being worked on this summer. We will continue to plug away at our roads as time and money allow.



-West End Music Jam: We have and will continue to host our monthly jam sessions here at the Humboldt Township Hall. It is our hope that when the weather warms up, we can move to the Humboldt Pavilion to enjoy music at the park. Our sessions typically are the third weekend of the month, from 4:00pm to around 7:00pm or so, depending on who shows up. This is subject to change. Please monitor the Humboldt Township's facebook page for monthly updates. As always, if you play an instrument or sing or just want to get together with friends and neighbors... all are welcome. It's been a great time so far. For questions, you can call or text: Gail Warner (906) 361-7063 or Betty Grund (906) 204-4422. Wishing you a great summer, and thank you!!!

Township Clean-Up Dates

Friday, June 3
Friday, September 29
4PM to 8PM



Saturday, June 4
Saturday, September 30
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)

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

New roof on the Township Hall!



2023 Scrap Tire Collection at the West End Transfer Station is set for July 19th from 3:00pm-7:00pm. Residents may bring up to 10 tires. Household Hazardous Waste Collection also takes place at the Transfer Station on June 7th, August 8th, and October 4th from 3:00pm-7:00pm. For more information visit Recycle906.com or call 906-249-4125.