



244 County Road FAF
Champion, MI 49814



Humboldt Township—Champion, Michigan 49814—Winter 2018 Township update

Fire Department

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OFFICE HOURS:
9 AM TO 12 PM &
12:30 PM to 4 PM
MONDAY—THURSDAY

Township Offices Will Be
Closed for the Following
Holidays

- New Year's Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Black Friday
- Christmas Eve
- Christmas Day
- New Year's Eve



New Fire Truck Pickup

On December 3, our Fire fighters are scheduled to pick up a new 2019 Freightliner 108SD single axle all-poly series 2,000 gallon tender/pumper.

When the Township got into the fire business, we were lucky to find great used equipment that has been reliable thus far. It is aging however, with the newest pumper being a 1990. With the great care our Fire Department gives their equipment this upgrade will serve the residents of our township well for many years to come.

Fire Hall Addition

Together with Northern Design Works as the Architect and GE Builders as the general contractor, the Township is nearing completion on a 40x40 addition to the fire hall which includes a meeting/training room, office, bathrooms, shower room and turn out gear storage.

This much needed addition will help the volunteers who run our fire department to more efficiently do their job. Construction is substantially complete at the time of writing this. We're only waiting on a few final touches and furniture. An open house will be held in the spring and we look forward to inviting the public to come see what we've built and say thanks to our volunteers. Details will be in the spring newsletter.

If you'd like to check out the addition or see what the Fire Department is up to, we welcome you to visit on the first Wednesday of each month at 7PM for the Fire Department monthly meeting.

Here's a peek at the turn out gear storage room.



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
- Christmas Party December 1. 2-4 PM at the Township Hall



- 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

CHRISTMAS P + A + R + T + Y

Featuring: Santa & Mrs. Claus



01 *Sleigh Rides - Cocoa* **2-4**
DECEMBER *Fun - Free - for all* **O'CLOCK**
Hot Dogs - Cookies



Recycling Update

The recycling program started on October 10, 2017. In its first year 2.54 tons of fiber and .74 tons on rigids have been recycled!

Way to go residents!!

We are pleased with the success of this program, and look forward to continuing. Many thanks Kyle Mackey for all his help with the program.

Road Millage Vote Passed

Thanks to the support of Township Residents we will be able to begin planning for more road improvements within the Township using the 2.009 additional mills that was approved at the November 6 General Election. The increased millage will begin in 2019.

In 2019 the Township Board has committed to funding repairs to County Road 478. Additionally, bids will go out through the Marquette County Road Commission for repairs to a number of local roads (F Roads) based on the necessity found in the Road Improvement and Prioritization Plan. www.humboldt.town/roadplan

For further information contact the Township Hall.

MARQUETTE COUNTY 2040 COMMUNITY SURVEY

mqtcoplan.org/survey



YOUR COUNTY, YOUR PLAN!
HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF OUR COMMUNITY

What's the Plan?

Planning Commission Update

As the firewood pile goes faster than ever this year, it reminds me that 'Tis the season to highlight 2018 "goings on" with your Township Planning Commission.

Humboldt Township Master Plan Update

At the Township Board's direction, the Humboldt Township Planning Commission began the statutory 5 year update of the Humboldt Township Master Plan. The Plan provides recommendations for all things Humboldt related to the following themes:

- Population and Demographics
- The Local Economy
- Housing
- Community Facilities, like Police, Fire, Waste disposal and Recycling, 911, Utilities and Internet, Cemetery, and EMS
- Transportation
- Recreation
- Natural features
- Land Use
- Goals and Recommendations accompanied by a Future Land Use Plan

That wraps up basic content of the Plan which becomes the Planning Commission and Township Boards guiding light for the next 5 years. We will be hosting public workshops in early 2019 to receive input from residents and others interested in Humboldt's future. Please consider coming out, or drop us a line so we can connect with your concerns.

Marquette County Master Plan Update

At its October Meeting, the Humboldt Township Planning Commission heard a presentation from County Planning Manager Eric Anderson and Senior Planner Thyra Karlstrom regarding the update of the County's Master Plan. Novel to this update is the dividing of Marquette County's 22 units of government into regions with common attributes. According to County officials, it is hoped that these similarities may drive some joint recognition of needs with resultant well thought out cross jurisdictional goals. We are located in the region the County refers to as "Moose Hills" made up of Michigamme, Champion, Republic, Humboldt, Ely and Powell Townships. Look for a County Forum during spring 2019 where the County will present findings from their on line survey of County residents locally. At the time of this writing over 1,100 people have already participated. To register YOUR thoughts, go to <https://www.mqtcoplan.org/survey>

Internet Service

The Township enjoys a number of providers including Grove Cable, AT&T, Hughes Net and others. New on the Scene last year we were introduced through a west Marquette Co coalition of government representatives to NMUs Educational Access Network. Since 2017 this system has provided another option for residents in remote central and southern Humboldt Township via the NMU TV Tower in Ely Township and the Republic township tower in North Republic. During 2018 a tower was activated in Champion completing NMU's coverage for the system in the Township. For students attending NMU this has been an important innovation.

Address/Street Signs and Street Lights

These systems were installed in the 1970s-90s and in January 2018, the Township Board asked for Planning Commission help in preparing an assessment of these systems across the Township. A draft document is now under consideration by the Planning Commission. A street/address sign program is an extremely important service provided to Township residents. Certainly, in the traditional sense of delivering mail by the USPS and packages by delivery services comes immediately to mind by most. However, the Township Master Plan reveals a deeper and more immediate rationale for the importance of such a system. Humboldt Township's population is generally older when compared to County and State age demographics. Accordingly, demands for the delivery of essential Emergency Services through Marquette County Central Dispatch such as Police, Fire, EMS and Ambulance services being critical in time of need. When emergency service back-up is called from adjoining or supporting jurisdictions the system assumes a new level of import for service providers not always as familiar with Township geography as local residents. Other routine services such as Home Health and Meals on Wheels are examples of other services needing good address and locational information. Finally, good addresses are the backbone of modern GPS locational devices offered commercially and within service providing entities.

Road Improvement Planning

In 2017, the Planning Commission completed and the Board adopted a plan and strategy to begin improving the Township Primary and Secondary Road System. With only modest reserves in the road fund from the .991 millage, the plan pointed out that new revenue sources must be established if anything significant was going to be accomplished. An initial attempt to pass an additional road millage failed in 2017, however last months approval of a 2.009 millage by the voters will now better enable the Board to develop a strategy for meaningful improvements to the system.

Zoning

The Planning Commission continued its responsibilities under the zoning ordinance for permitting, site planning and other functions during 2018. Stop by the Hall, call or email if you are planning projects for 2019 that might need permitting under the Ordinance.

Coming in 2019

In December, the Planning Commission will set goals for 2019 planning activities. A couple of topics already under consideration include:

- A revision of the Township Cemetery Ordinance
- Site Planning for improvements to the Fish lake Public Access

If you have thoughts or suggestions for Planning related needs in the Township don't hesitate to contact any of your Planning Commissioners or Administrator Jackie Solomon at 339-2927

-Jim Kippola, Chairman

