



Humboldt Township—Champion, Michigan 49814—Winter 2019 Township update

News You Can Use

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New Township Truck

The township was in need of a truck for various jobs, snow plowing being a major one. Fortunately we were in a position to not only be able to afford one, but to get a great deal on one as well! It has been a great asset around the hall and out in the back woods of the township. Hopefully we will be lucky enough to enjoy a milder winter, but in the event we are not, we at least have a dependable truck to plow our driveway, firehall, and garbage sheds out.

We're on the web
www.humboldt.town

Or visit us at the
 Humboldt Township Hall
 244 Co. Rd. FAF
 Champion, MI 49814

Phone: (906)339-2927
 Fax: (906)339-4431

Thomas Prophet Supervisor
 Sarah Etelamaki Clerk
 Paul Alto Treasurer
 Jeff Ogea Trustee
 Pete Koski Trustee
 Jackie Solomon Assessor
 Howard Robare Zoning Administrator

OFFICE HOURS:
 8:30AM TO 2:30 PM
 MONDAY-WEDNESDAY
 TREASURER HOURS:
 10AM-6PM-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

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 7, 1-3 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

HUMBOLDT TOWNSHIP
 Cordially Invites You to Our

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 7, 2019
 1-3pm

Humboldt Township Hall
 244 Co Rd FAF
 Champion, MI 49814

Join us for sleigh rides, goodies, and a visit from Santa & Mrs. Claus

For more info call or visit:
 (906)339-2927
www.humboldt.town

Garbage Shed Problems



There seems to be an ongoing issue with illegal dumping at a few of the township provided garbage sheds. We would like to remind residents and property owners, that this is a service that the township provides as a courtesy and it can be discontinued at any time. It is a timely and costly issue for the township to clean up these problems. The garbage sheds are for bagged household trash. All other items need to be properly disposed of. There are Transfer Station Tickets available for purchase at the townhall. The price is \$7 per ticket, which includes up to 100 pounds. The trash can then be disposed of at the West Marquette County Transfer Station, which is located in West Ishpeming. Hours of operation are Monday 8am-4pm, Thursday 8am-7pm, and Friday 8am-2pm. The township also provides two trash clean-up dates, one in the spring and one in the fall. You can bring non-household trash, FREE of charge on those 4 days! All you need is proof of residency, such as a tax statement. If there is ever a question regarding what is allowed at the clean-up days, or what can go into the garbage sheds, please don't hesitate to contact the hall at 339-2927. You can also contact the Supervisor if you want to report any illegal dumping. Thank you for your cooperation.

SANITATION NEWS

As you have noticed, the township has had a change in our garbage pick-up. North Country Disposal is our new sanitation company. Sadly, Carlisle Sanitation had to stop its service. However, Jim is still with us in the sanitation business, just in a different truck and on a NEW day! It happened rather quickly and we did our best to get notice to all our residents. Hopefully everyone was able to either see the notice on our website, facebook page, or flyer that went out in the mail. Thank you all for bearing with us and embracing the new changes. While, you probably won't notice a difference in service, there are a couple of changes that we would like to reiterate.

- Garbage pick-up is now on MONDAY. Please have your garbage bins out by 6AM.
- Curbside recycling is now available. You will put your recycling bins out along with your trash, following the calendar for rigids or fibers week. (Posted below) Also, have your recycling container labeled as such, so North Country can clearly identify what is trash verses recyclables. The calendar comes from the Marquette County Landfill and can be accessed via their website as well at www.mcswma.com. The township will still have the trailers available at the hall for anyone who still wishes to personally drop off their recycling. Please contact us with any questions at 339-2927. North Country can also be reached at 249-4500, should you need to contact them directly.

OCTOBER							NOVEMBER							DECEMBER									
RIGIDS	SU	M	T	W	TH	F	SA	RIGIDS	SU	M	T	W	TH	F	SA	RIGIDS	SU	M	T	W	TH	F	SA
FIBER	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	FIBER	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	FIBER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
RIGIDS	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	RIGIDS	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	FIBER	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
FIBER	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	FIBER	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	RIGIDS	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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What's New in the Township?

PLANNING COMMISSION NEWS

2019 Highlights at your Humboldt Township Planning Commission

- With the assistance of CUPPAD, the PC finalized efforts to update the Humboldt Township Master Plan. It will be considered for final adoption by the board In January 2020
- Reviewed an application by Eagle Mine to rezone a large tract of their ownership from Residential to Industrial Zoning. Final recommendation to be forwarded to the Humboldt Township Board in December 2019
- In July, approved the final Site Plan for the new Dollar General store
- Welcomed Nate Denofre who took the seat vacated by Jeanie Carlisle. Thanks for volunteering Nate and for your thoughtful service over the hears Jeanie!

From the PC, Happy Holidays everyone!

-Jim Kippola, Dan Etelamaki, Nate Denofre, Jeff Ogea, Joe Wasie

Upcoming Elections

As a reminder, there will be a presidential primary election taking place on March 10, 2020. If you will be requesting an absentee ballot, please contact Clerk Etelamaki at the hall by calling 339-2927, or print and send an application from www.michigan.gov/sos

Online Tax Payments

Starting with the winter tax season, we are excited to be able to offer online tax payments through BS&A, which is our tax software company. Simply go to www.bsaonline.com, search for your tax information, and for a small convenience fee of 3% (minimum \$2) you can pay your tax bill online! You no longer have to worry if you paid your bill, if it got lost in the mail, or make an unnecessary trip to the hall. Although, we always love to chat in person and see your faces, this is just one option to make life a little easier when it comes to paying those tax bills. If you have any questions, please call and one of us would be happy to help.

United States® Census 2020

2020 is the year for the decennial census. Census day is April 1, 2020. Beginning in January, you will begin to see, hear, and receive advertising. It is important that everyone responds, as the census numbers help determine many things. If you would like more information, there is a folder at the hall for review, or you can look online at www.census.gov

CENSUS 101: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The 2020 Census is closer than you think!
Here's a quick refresher of what it is and why it's essential that everyone is counted.

Everyone counts.

The census counts every person living in the U.S. once, only once, and in the right place.

It's about fair representation.

Every 10 years, the results of the census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets.

It's in the constitution.

The U.S. Constitution mandates that everyone in the country be counted every 10 years. The first census was in 1790.

It's about \$675 billion.

The distribution of more than \$675 billion in federal funds, grants and support to states, counties and communities are based on census data. That money is spent on schools, hospitals, roads, public works and other vital programs.

It's about redistributing.

After each decade's census, state officials redraw the boundaries of the congressional and state legislative districts in their states to account for population shifts.

Taking part is your civic duty.

Completing the census is mandatory: it's a way to participate in our democracy and say "I COUNT!"

