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WINTER 2021 NEWSLETTER

Greetings to all! We are changing the format and delivery of our winter newsletter. In an effort to reach more of our tax payers and preserve our funds, we are combining the December tax mailing with our newsletter. We hope you find the change a positive one.

Supervisor's Scoop:

We as a Township Board are pleased to announce that we will be having an ice rink for our community use. Moving into a new year, we hope to continue making improvements to our Township. I would like to wish all of our residents a very happy and healthy Holiday Season
-Jeff Ogea

Clerk's Corner:

Hello all! There's nothing to report on 2021 elections since we had none in November. Next year we will have at minimum the State Senate elections, and probably other local proposals. If you need to update or change your voter information, you can do that on-line at the Secretary of State website. You can also stop in the office for any of your voting needs.
-Sarah Etelamaki

Treasurer's Topic:

Season's Greetings everyone! As far as the upcoming winter tax collection, no notable changes. We will continue to try to process your payments in a timely fashion and for those after hour payments, please remember the secure lock box outside the office door. It gets checked frequently. Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday season!!!

Planning Commission Press Release:

Greetings from your Planning Commission! The Humboldt Township Board continued implementing many of its plans during 2021. Projects related to Transportation, Recreation, Fire, Cemetery Services, and Township Support Facilities were completed or begun. The Board also took action to support recommended 5 year Planning Missions to include a Zoning Ordinance and Recreation Plan update to be completed in 2022. Please stop in for one of our meetings and let us know your thoughts on these issues. The Board in concert with the Planning Commission and Eagle Mining is beginning to look at the impacts of closure of their Humboldt Operations estimated 4-5 years from now. With the advent of Jeff Ogea's replacement of retiring Supervisor Thomas Prophet, Treasurer Chris Grund was appointed by the Board to fill his slot on the PC as the Board Representative. Joe Wasie's retirement in October will leave the Commission without the gift of his robust Planning experience. Thank you Joe for all of your Public Service over the past 60 years!
-Jim Kippola

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Township Office Hours:

- Monday-Wednesday 8:30am-2:30pm
- Treasurer Hour's: Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:00am-12:00pm
- Closed during the following Holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve
- There is also a 24 hour secure drop-box located at the top of the porch stairs

Township Employees

- Assessor: Dylan Jurasin: humboldtassessor@gmail.com (906) 361-6787
- Zoning Administrator: Howard Robare: hrobare@aol.com (906) 235-1050

Annual Christmas Party and Sleigh Rides:

We are excited to announce that we WILL be having a Christmas party again this year! The date will be December 11th from 1:00-3:00pm. There will be hotdogs, hot chocolate, sleigh rides (weather permitting), Santa, and new this year- ice skating (please bring your own skates)!!! We hope to see you there!

Garbage & Recycling:

Humboldt's sanitation provider is North Country Disposal. Garbage and curbside recycling is picked up every Monday. Please have your garbage out by 6:00am. If you utilize one of the garbage sheds, please follow the rules so we can continue to provide the service. The recycling continues to be single stream with no glass allowed. Ishpeming Township does provide glass recycling on the first Wednesday of every month from 1-6pm. If you need Transfer Station Tickets, you can purchase them at the Hall during regular business hours. They are \$8 per ticket per 100 pounds. There is more helpful sanitation information at www.recyclego6.com. The Township will host 2 clean-up events taking place in June and September. More information will be available in the spring newsletter.

Cemetery News & Information:

This fall, the Board approved contracting with TriMedia to update our Cemetery records. They are working on providing a more accurate map as well as using ground penetrating radar to verify burial locations. We will also eventually have an avenue available on-line to look up headstones and information pertaining to our cemetery burials. We are excited for the final outcome and think it will be very valuable to everyone! The Board recently adopted a Cemetery Ordinance and there is helpful information within it. You can find it on our website or at the hall. We are undertaking this huge project to update our cemetery records and improve the process. We are asking anyone who may be interested in rescinding burial rights for un-used plots to please reach out to us. We have noticed through this project that there may be many plots that remain vacant, and our hope is to reclaim them for future generations to use. Please stop in for any questions or inquiries you may have about cemetery plots.

Road Improvements:

For the year 2022, the Board approved re-paving County Road FD and FJ. There will also be some new gravel on County Road FQ. We continue to make improvements where needed and as funds allow. If your road is one that is having work done, please be advised that between the prep and the final work, some significant time may pass. Your driveway details will not be completed at the same time as the main road. Rest assured, they will come back to smooth out the height differences, so please be patient.

Streetlights:

There are many streetlights located within the Township. From time to time the lights burn out. The easiest and fastest way to report an outage is to do it on-line. Simply go to www.we-energies.com/services/streetlight and you can zoom in on the map to pick the light that is out. It is very easy to do, and you get a confirmation email of your submission stating they try to fix them within 72 hours of reporting.

Winter Taxes:

Winter taxes are payable at the township starting December 1st through February 14th, 2022. Treasurer hours are Tuesday's & Thursday's from 10am-12pm. There is also an option to pay them online for a 3% fee. Just go to <https://bsaonline.com/?uid=1466>. After February 28th, 2022 taxes become delinquent and are turned over to the county treasurer.

Fishing Derby:

The Annual Children's Fishing Derby will be held during the DNR free fishing weekend which is slated for June 11th, 2022. Look for more information in the Spring.

Schedules of Meetings and Events:

- Township Board: Second Monday of each month at 7:00pm
- Planning Commission: Fourth Monday of each month at 7:00pm
- Fire Department: First Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm at the fire hall.
- Senior Lunch: Second Wednesday of each month at 12:00pm-Potluck or donation.

General Announcements:

- There is an ice-skating rink located to the west of the Township Hall. It is currently lit by solar lights. Please come and enjoy, but also be respectful and clean up after yourself.
- The Township is working with neighboring townships to create a West end First Responder authority. If you would like to join, please contact the office for more information.
- If there is important information to pass along, we try to post it on our website and on the township Facebook page. There is also other helpful information, including various forms you may need on the website. www.humboldt.town
- We still have openings on our Planning Commission and Board of Review, so please stop in for an application or for more information.