

NORTHFIELD TOWNSHIP MICHIGAN

Township Talk

Supervisor Note

We have several important projects and an August election occurring in the township that I'd like to highlight.

The **Debra Mozurkewich Memorial Path** (aka the Barker Road Non-Motorized Path) has been progressing. We expect the concrete to be poured by July 4th with final clean-up within weeks. Thank you, Wildwood Lake homeowner Andy Lakatos, who took it upon himself to raise funds to help obtain two easements so there would be no gap in the path. The ADA accessible path will run all the way from Barker Elementary to downtown. **Note:** Donations to the township for a public good are tax-deductible. Many thanks to all who contributed.

The **North Village/Community Park** by the post office is beginning to be used and there's no shortage of suggestions! Help has been offered to provide some amenities (a pavilion, for one) and we are exploring ways to make it more user-friendly on our limited budget as it evolves into a unique community asset. Watch for your opportunity to help as we look into creative crowd-funding options.

Our **Fire and Medical Rescue Millage** expired with the December 2016 levy. We are able to operate this critical service through 2017, but the fire department will then be unfunded if the August 8 request for 2 mills for 5 years is not approved. **Please mark your calendars and remember to vote.**

No doubt you have noticed many empty store fronts in downtown Whitmore Lake. To find ways to revitalize the area, the DDA has launched a **Strategic Action Planning Effort** to hear what residents think would make this a thriving lake town. Visit us at the **Ice Cream Social/Meet & Greet at 75 Barker Road (the old fire hall) from 2 - 4 PM on Saturday, July 8**, to share your thoughts and/or complete the on-line survey at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/whitmore-lake-preference-survey>.

I look forward to working for you and with you for our community in the months and years ahead. Have a safe and wonderful summer!

Marlene Chockley, Supervisor

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Government Office

Did you know...

Northfield Township has a new Code Enforcement Officer? Mike Rankin is in the office 1-2 days per week to help uphold an attractive and well-maintained community for all our residents, visitors and businesses.

One of the most common complaints Mike receives are concerns about blight.

Blight is generally defined as anything that deteriorates the physical surroundings and quality of life in a community. It can include everything from unkempt lawns, inoperable vehicles, junk, abandoned items and litter to graffiti or dilapidated structures.

If you have a concern you would like Mike to look into, contact him at the Township office:

734-449-2880 ext. 14

rankinm@northfieldmi.gov

Complaint forms can be submitted at the office or on-line. Go to:

www.twp-northfield.org/departments/code_enforcement

Complaints can remain anonymous.

Treasurer's Office Tax Tidbits

Summer is here and so are Summer Taxes. Mark the date of September 14, 2017. This is the date that Summer Taxes must be paid to avoid any late fees. Deferments may be available to seniors, veterans, and farmers if specific requirements are met. Please call or visit our office or website for more details.

There are many ways to pay your taxes. You can mail your tax payment to the Northfield Township Treasurer at 8350 Main St., PO Box 576, Whitmore Lake, MI 48189, use the 24/7 drop box, or pay by check or credit card at the Township Offices, located at 8350 Main Street, or pay by credit card online through the link on our website: www.twp-northfield.org.

Please remember, postmarks are not accepted as payment date and postdated checks are not accepted. When paying by check, please ensure all information is included and correct (date, 'Pay to the Order of' information, written and numeric amounts, and signature). If any information is incorrect or missing from the check, payment processing will be delayed and/or your check may be returned.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us. We are here to help you.

Have a happy and safe summer.

Your Township Treasurer - Lenore Zelenock, and Deputy Treasurer - Dawn Samfilippo



Keeping You Safe!

The Northfield Township Police and Fire Departments strive to keep all our residents, community members, and property owners aware and safe, focusing on proactive crime prevention through community policing and open communication.

Stay Informed

- **Nixle** messages provide monthly Crime Stats and Crime Prevention Tips. Sign up at www.nixle.com. (Text messaging available, standard rates apply).
- "Like Us" on **Facebook** for valuable information including road closures.
Northfield Township Department of Public Safety
- Visit our **webpage** for Safety Tips, Crime Prevention Practices, and Services.
www.twp-northfield.org/departments

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Vacation Tips

- Northfield Township Police Department offers Vacation/Security Checks. Contact us to file a request.
- Ask a trusted neighbor or family member to regularly check on your property.
- Do not post vacation plans on Social Media.
- Stop all mail and newspaper delivery.
- Leave your residence looking lived in with blinds in normal positions & lights set with timers.
- Leave vacation contact information with a trusted neighbor/family member.

Remember when traveling this summer, many roads are under construction – be patient and remember the law for work zones traffic violations: Fines may be doubled, points are increased, and injuring workers may bring jail time.

From the Clerk's Office

Meet the Board of Trustees

Proud to serve the residents of Northfield Township!

Please contact us with any comments, questions, or concerns.

(Board of Trustees email suffix: @northfieldmi.gov)



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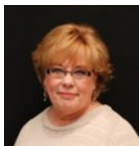


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Utility (Sewer) Billing

The next Sewer Bill will be sent out in early August, due Aug. 31, 2017 for the previous three (3) months. Future due dates are Nov. 30, Feb. 28, and May 31. A 10% penalty is added after the due date. Failure to receive a sewer bill does not waive the penalty. A drop box is available 24/7 at the Township Hall. Postmarks are not accepted. Unpaid bills are a lien on the property. Note: Monthly payments are accepted and you may also set up automatic payments with your bank to send the township a check.

Election Day – Special Election - August 8, 2017

On the Ballot: Fire Service and Medical Rescue Millage Proposal, and the Dexter Schools Bond Proposal. Contact the Clerk or preview the ballot at www.michigan.gov/vote. To be placed on the permanent absentee voter list to automatically receive a ballot application for every election, please provide a written request.

Last Day to register to vote is Monday, July 10th

The Office will be open from 8:00 AM until 4:30 PM to register qualified electors and amend registration records. Contact the Clerk at 734-449-2880 x14 or by email.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Manley, Clerk , and Cristina Wilson, Deputy Clerk

Land Preservation Committee

A slow drive down a Northfield Township road on a summer day is a great reminder of why we live here. The farmlands, pastures, wetlands, and forests are some of the features which help make Northfield a great place to live.

Early this year, the Board of Trustees created the Land Preservation Committee to pursue the goal of preserving selected farmland and natural areas for our present residents and future generations.

The Committee members have been working on gathering information. There are many good examples of land preservation success stories in our surrounding townships. In the coming months, the Land Preservation Committee plans to conduct outreach activities to inform residents and identify landowners who might be interested in preserving their land.

The Committee meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Public Safety Building. Please come and join us and share your ideas. By working together, we can make our township even better.

Calendar of Events

July 1

- Fun Run: 7 AM Registration at the Middle School
- Music at the Lake: 7 - 10 PM
- Fireworks over Whitmore Lake at Dusk

July 4

- 4th of July Parade on Main Street: 10 AM
- Root Beer Floats: Noon at the Community Center
- Ice Cream Eating Contest: 3 PM at Dee's Place
- Boat Parade of Lights: Dusk at Mac's Marina

July 8

Ice Cream Social/Meet & Greet 2
- 4 PM at 75 Barker Road for Downtown Strategic Action Plan

July 10

Last Day to Register to Vote in the August Election

July 27

Historical Society Potluck Picnic
6 PM at 7441 Spencer Rd, 48178

August 8

Election Day

September 14

Summer 2017 Taxes are Due

Movies Under The Stars

Join us at the lakeshore across from the Post Office. All movies begin at dusk. Rain location: Community Center.

- July 14 Trolls
- July 28 Return of the Jedi
- Aug 11 Moana
- Aug 18 The Lego Batman Movie
- Sept 15 The Secret Life of Pets

Meeting Information

The Northfield Township Board of Trustees meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM. If you are unable to attend a meeting in person, the meetings are broadcast live on Charter Channel 191 or you can view the recorded meetings on-line via Northfield Township's Livestream account: www.livestream.com/accounts/1160710.

Meeting agendas and packets are available to view in the township office and on-line the Friday prior to the meetings.

Other meetings—all are open to the public:

[Planning Commission](#): Meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month

[Zoning Board of Appeals](#): Meets the 3rd Monday of the month

[Park and Recreation Board](#): Meets the 3rd Thursday of the month

[Downtown Development Authority](#): Meets four or more times per year

[Board of Review](#): Meets in March, July and December

[Land Preservation Committee](#): Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month

New Faces at the Office!

Please help us give a warm welcome to our newest staff members:

Mike Rankin—Code Enforcement

Yvette Patrick—Controller

Christa Rollison—Front Desk Clerk & Building Department Assistant.

The Township has also extended a conditional offer to Steven Aynes for Township Manager and will know if he will be joining us in the days ahead.

Office Information

Northfield Township Offices are open from 8 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday, unless otherwise posted.

Mailing Address: 8350 Main Street
PO Box 576
Whitmore Lake MI 48189

Phone: 734-449-2880

Fax: 734-449-0123

Website: www.twp-northfield.org

Building Department 734-449-5000

Community Center 734-449-2295

Wastewater Treatment Plant 734-449-4159

Police Dept. (non-emergency) 734-449-9911

Fire Dept. (non-emergency) 734-449-2385

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