

Paradise Township Newsletter

Paradise Township, 2300 E. M-113, Kingsley, MI 49649

July 2006

Ethanol Plant Update

The Paradise Township Board has given their initial approval to NextGen Energy to pursue an ethanol plant on Summit City Rd. This property was zoned industrial over 10 years ago and is located just south of the railroad tracks on Summit City Rd. NextGen Energy is interested in this site but is still pursuing other options in different counties. We will not hear from NextGen Energy for another 30 days or more whether or not they have chosen this site. The Township is eager to have this use in the township as we anticipate job opportunities, help for the local farms and our local econ-

omy if the plant proceeds. You may look up information regarding NextGen Energy at their web site:

www.EnergybyNextGen.com



Enjoy your Summer!

NEW ZONING ADMINISTRATOR/PLANNER

Paradise Township is happy to announce that we have hired a full-time zoning administrator/planner. Marvin Radtke was previously employed by Blair Township as their zoning administrator and comes to us with many years of experience in zoning and planning.

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Evelynne Marie
Dean, Supervisor

Jessi Sedlacek,
Treasurer

Judith Smith,
Clerk

Mitch Sedlacek,
Trustee

John Roop,
Trustee

Dawn Plude,
Township Assessor

Marvin Radtke, Zoning
Admin./Planner

Cheri Tuller,
Office Manager

From Your Clerk

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE! THE AUGUST PRIMARY WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2006

THE NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2006

Recycling Bins

The recycling bins will be moved to the Paradise Township Hall site. This will be a temporary location until a permanent location can be decided upon. The bins will be located in front of the cell tower location, near the entrance of the township hall. Please watch out for traffic.

TAX COLLECTION

The treasurer will be available for tax collection at the following times:

Tuesday 1-6 p.m.

Thursday 1-6 p.m.

Saturday 9-12 p.m.

The deputy treasurer is available during normal office hours.

ATTENTION

NEW OFFICE

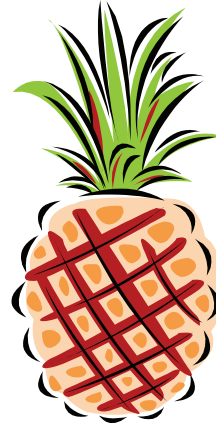
SUMMER HOURS

The office hours have changed. The new hours are Tuesday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A drop box is available next to the front door for tax collection purposes or other papers you wish to drop off.

From the office of Planning and Zoning

Summer finally got here! There for a while it did not seem that it would and with summer, comes the “honey do list” for the outside projects. Please remember to check with the Township prior to starting any construction projects to see if and what permits may be required. The old adage “It is easier to ask forgiveness than to ask permission” **does not work** so well when it comes to building. It is easier and cheaper and a lot less stressful to obtain permits PRIOR to construction or placement of structures. The Planning Commission will be reviewing the Township Master

Plan sometime this summer and your input will be needed. A Master Plan is a document on how Paradise came this far and where is it that you want Paradise Township to be in 20 years. The Zoning Ordinance/ Land Use Ordinance is the document that will put us on course to our 20 year vision spelled out in the Master Plan. The Planning Commission meets the first Thursday of each month at



Get your permit before you start working on your projects.

7:00 p.m. here at the Township office. I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Marvin D. Radtke, Jr.

Dawn Plude, Township Assessor will be reviewing your property if you have pulled a permit. Dawn reviews different portions of the township each year and is required to keep the tax files updated.

Township Fire Protection Services

Voters will be voting for a renewal of the fire protection services millage in August. This is the same millage as before, up to 1.5 mills. We only use what we need for our portion of rural fire. *This is to raise money for fire protection services only, not a fire barn.*

Heritage Days

Come and join family and friends for a full day of activities on **Saturday, August 26th**. Enjoy the parade, kids games, bingo tent, co-ed softball tournament, alumni reception, food and fun. Visit local businesses to pick up your activities program. To volunteer for this community event or information

contact Tom or Chris Durfee at 263-7301 or 633-0507. For parade information contact Tracey Sedlacek at 263-7481 or 342-9854.

Kingsley Heritage Day Has Returned—Come Join The Fun!

Help Prevent Wildfires—Please follow these rules: 1) Maintain control of your fire at all times 2) Don't burn when conditions are dry and/or windy & 3) Always secure a burn permit before lighting a fire. Contact the local DNR office at 922-5280 for permits.

Cell Tower

As you may be aware by now, the township has a cell tower located next to its offices. Cell phone users with Sprint, Nextel and Verizon can expect better reception. The Kingsley Fire Department was given permission to co-locate on this tower. The company anticipates other users co-locating on the tower within the next couple of years. The township receives \$750.00 a month for rent on the land.

Fire Department

The future fire barn site has been logged and cleared on the township property at 2300 E. M-113. The township is currently pursuing different ideas on how to finance a new fire barn/emergency services building.

Township Board

The township board meetings are held the **first and second Wednesday** of every month at **7:00 p.m.** at the township hall, unless otherwise posted. All meetings are open to the public.