

Paradise Township Newsletter

July 2009

TOWNSHIP BOARD & STAFF

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ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT 7:00 P.M. UNLESS OTHERWISE POSTED. SPECIAL MEETINGS (OTHER THAN DATES & TIMES LISTED) ARE POSTED ON THE BOARD 18 HOURS BEFORE THE MEETING, PER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT.

SPECIAL THANKS TO BRENDA RICE on behalf of the Township for her clean up efforts at the Car Wash.

Parks & Recreation Update

The Paradise Township Board and the Parks and Recreation Committee would like to thank the following people for their help with the Mayfield Pond Park clean-up:

Kelby Harrigan, Jessica Delancey, Katie Bembeneck, Katie Brown, Kari Borse, Emily Kellogg, Paige Voice, Adam Brown, Cody Hoch, Darriek Wagnes, Ken Green, Zac Chilson, Kevin Chilson, Madison Chilson (Age 1), Patrick Priest, Terry Street, Mary Halladay, Dave Fawcett, George Drew, Polly Drew, Ray Westbrook, Mark Douglass, Wendy, and a special THANK YOU to Edna Sargent for her years of work at the Mayfield Pond Park.

The Parks and Recreation Committee is currently working on their master plan. Public input is important. Committee meetings are at 7:00 pm every fourth Tuesday of the month and are held at Paradise Township Hall unless otherwise noted.

Update on Zoning & Planning By Marvin Radtke, Jr.

The Planning Commission asks for your input in mapping out the future of this great community. We have been gathering statistical information, such as population and other demographics, from the Census Bureau and a number of students from the Kingsley School District. Using this and other required information we will establish a pattern of where our community has come from and where it seems to be going. It is the job of the Planning Commission to see if we are serving the residents of Paradise Township in the best way possible with respect to the development of this community. We need your comments! We have included in your summer tax bill a questionnaire containing 16 questions that includes an area for additional comments. This survey takes about 5 minutes to complete. We ask you to answer and return the survey with the self addressed envelope by **July 17th**.

Public input is important. Please attend our Planning Commission meetings that are typically held on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm. You may also contact us by email at:

zoningplanning@paradisetwp.org

or by U.S. mail at:

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

Have you been to our web site www.paradisetwp.org? If you have, let us know what you would like to see added to it!

Have a great summer!

Marvin D. Radtke Jr. M.C.P.

Planning and Zoning Administrator
Paradise Township



Planning Commission Meetings Planning Commission meetings are on the 1st Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. (unless otherwise specified) at the Paradise Township Hall, 2300 E. M113, Kingsley.

April 2, 2009	October 1, 2009
May 7, 2009	November 5, 2009
June 4, 2009	December 3, 2009
July 2, 2009	January 7, 2010
August 6, 2009	February 4, 2010
September 3, 2009	March 4, 2010

KINGSLEY HERITAGE DAYS

Heritage Days will take place **July 18th and 19th 2009**. This year's festivities will include the Parade at 10:00am on Saturday July 18th, delicious concessions available, co-ed softball tournament, youth basketball tournament and a whole lot more including craft sale, raffle, silent auction, and face painting. This year will include more rides for the family and at a discounted price. For \$5 a wristband can be purchased that will provide unlimited use of the rides on Saturday! If you would like to volunteer, please contact Tom or Chris Durfee at 263-7301.

COMMUNITY CONGRATULATIONS

The new EMS/Ambulance Building and the Civic Center South are complete. We plan to have an open house in the near future. Watch for a date to be released soon!

With the completion of Main Street, the Village of Kingsley hosted an open house on June 20th to celebrate the opening of the new Library and Village Office. It was a Luau themed party with a hog roast and included entertainment by the Kingsley Jazz Prism, Clowns, and tours of the facility. If you haven't already, please stop by and check out the new facility.

SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR 2009-2010

Township Board of Trustees

Regular Board meetings are the second Wednesday of each month as follows:

April 8, 2009	October 14, 2009
May 13, 2009	November 11, 2009
June 10, 2009	December 9, 2009
July 8, 2009	January 13, 2010
August 12, 2009	February 10, 2010
September 9, 2009	March 10, 2010

Special meetings will be the first Wednesday of each month, as needed or posted.

Board of Review

- Appeal of evaluations & classifications - Scheduled every March.
- Clerical errors & mutual mistake of fact - scheduled every July and December.

Zoning Board of Appeals are scheduled as needed.

Parks and Recreation Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

From the desk of the Supervisor

EMS BUILDING AND CIVIC
CENTER SOUTH

We will be having an open house for our new Emergency Services Building and CCS in the near future. Watch for a date soon! We will be paying for 15 years on the building. However, we hope to pay it off sooner!!

TOWNSHIP BUDGET

Revenue sharing has taken a drop due to the State budget issues. Things are not good in the State at this time. We

will be looking at our budget even more closely in the next couple years.

PUBLIC INPUT

We would like to encourage you to attend our public meetings. We appreciate your input and we hope you will get involved in the future of our great community. Meeting schedules are posted on our web site at www.paradisetwp.org and at the Township Offices.

From the desk of the Treasurer

The first 7 months as your treasurer have been enjoyable, meeting many new Paradise Township residents. Included with the summer tax bill is an important survey that will take only a few minutes to complete. I encourage you to do so and return it in the

postage paid envelope. **(Please mail your tax payment separately)** If you would like an official receipt for your taxes, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. My office hours are 8:30-12:00, 1:00-4:30, Tuesday and Wednesday. Thanks again and be safe.

Township Happenings

The Township Office has experienced a few changes in staff over the winter including the election of a new Township Treasurer and Clerk.

Bill King, Township Treasurer, is a life long resident of Grand Traverse County, with seven years in Paradise Township. He is a graduate of Traverse City High School, Western Michigan University and is enrolled in the MBA program at Lawrence Technological University. He has more than 35 years of financial experience. First, Bill was a Staff Accountant at Lincoln, Devlin, and Kalcher, PC CPA's. He then worked at Northwestern Michigan College for 30 years as an Accountant, Senior Accountant, Accounting Coordinator, and then Controller. His community involvement includes: Kingsley United Methodist Church, Meals on Wheels, Old Town Playhouse, Kingsley Friends of the Library, Traverse City Film Festival, The State Theatre, and the Black and White Gala. Bill has been married to Bonnie since 1965. He has two children, three granddaughters, and one great grandson.

Lisa Gulliver, Township Clerk, has been a resident of Paradise Township for over 25 years. She is a graduate of Kingsley High School. She attended Ferris State University where she earned Bachelor of Science Degrees in Computer Information Systems and Accounting. Lisa served 4 years as Deputy Clerk of Paradise Township. Her community involvement has included the Kingsley Parent Teacher Organization where she has served as the Vice President and is currently their Treasurer. She is also a Chairperson for the Buckley Old Engine Club. Lisa is married to Dale Gulliver and has three children - Jacob, Kylee and Isabell.

This past spring the Township bid a sad farewell to a friend and employee. **Cheri Tuller** resigned in March 2009 to take a job at the Grand Traverse County Resource Recovery Office. Cheri worked for Paradise Township for 9 years as the Office Administrator and Deputy Treasurer. She was the friendly face and voice at the front desk and was a great asset to the Township. She will be missed by many. Good luck to you Cheri!

In May 2009 the Township hired **Jennifer Scout** to be the Office Administrator and Deputy Treasurer. Jennifer is a native Michigander hailing from Vicksburg (a small rural town south of Kalamazoo). She is a graduate of Vicksburg High School and Grand Rapids Educational Center. She has more than 10 years of office experience. Her experience includes working as a Secretary for the City of South Bend - Department of Public Works where she assisted the Clerk of the Board of Public Works and Public Safety. She also worked for Kalamazoo Community Mental Health Services where she was a Secretary for the Department of Substance Abuse Services. Recently she has been a stay-at-home mom for the past three years since the birth of her daughter. Jennifer lives in Cadillac with her husband Chris and their two children - Joshua and Isabella.

The Staff at Paradise Township are happy to serve you. Please contact us at 231-263-5251 with any comments, questions, or concerns. Our office hours are: Tuesday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

HAVE A FUN AND SAFE SUMMER!

From the desk of the Clerk

The May 5, 2009 election went very well despite the construction traffic and the loss of power at the Township Hall. We were able to continue with the election thanks to the generous help of the Village who provided a generator and EMS personnel who helped direct traffic around the detour. I would like to offer a special thanks to all the election workers who performed their duties under unfavorable conditions. Thank you for taking

time to vote.

Our next scheduled election is **November 3rd**. If you are not going to be in the area please stop in for an absentee ballot application. Remember your vote counts!

Please remember that when you renew your license you do **not** need to re-register to vote. You only need to re-register if you move to a new address.

Messages from the Trustees

Board Trustee Tim Trudell

As a recently elected Trustee to the Township Board I would like to give the residents of Paradise Township a little background on myself. I grew up in Shepard, a rural community in Central Michigan. After graduating from high school in 1996, I moved north to attend Northwestern Michigan College to obtain an applied science associates degree in Automotive Maintenance. During my years at Northwestern I attended a multitude of different classes ranging from business to grant writing. While at school I needed to find a job. I applied for a position at the Grand Traverse County Road Commission to work as a shop helper. Needless to say I got the job, and have now worked there twelve years as a Repair Technician (in Kingsley) and six of those years were also spent as a Union Steward. I also work at the Kingsley Club Golf Course during the summer weekends as an Equipment operator. I have lived in Paradise Township for six years and I hope to never leave. Sometimes I do not know if people in this area understand what a wonderful community they live in. So, please slow down and look around. You will be surprised at how beautiful it really is! One final note, the kids are now out of school for the summer so PLEASE watch for children playing near/on the roads! Have a great and safe summer.

RecycleSmart
GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE & PESTICIDE COLLECTION
JULY 30, 2009 (THURSDAY) Hours: 1:00-7:00 PM
Accepted material includes oil based paints, automobile fluids, cleaning products, pesticides, batteries, mercury, and more...
An appointment is required and can be made starting June 30, 2009. Create an appointment online at www.RecycleSmart.info or call the RecycleSmart Hotline at 941-5555

BRUSH DROP-OFF SITE IS OPEN!
Hours of Operation: Tuesday-Noon to 7 PM, Thurs. & Sat. 9-3 PM

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News You Can Use!

THE GRAND VISION
GROWTH HAPPENS.
Let's Decide How.
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The Grand Vision is a citizen led land use and transportation study that will secure the future prosperity and quality of life in the region. It will serve as a blueprint for the community leaders and government officials charged with its implementation, and will drive the direction of growth for the region for decades to come.

Why is it different than other studies?

The Grand Vision is highly collaborative, regional, well funded, and a citizen-led initiative focused on implementation. Because of the unique and dynamic partnerships along with the full engagement of the community, this "Grand Vision" will not sit on a shelf.

The Grand Vision is a project that needs involvement from all parts of our community in Northwest Lower Michigan. To learn more about The Grand Vision and how you can get involved visit their web site at:

www.thegrandvision.org