



# PARADISE TOWNSHIP

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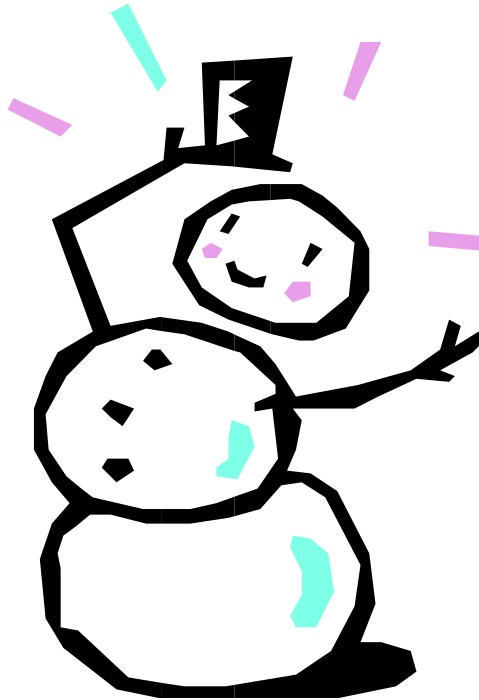
Winter 2006

## From the Office of Planning and Zoning

The Zoning and Planning Department hope you had a spectacular summer!!! It has taken me a little bit to get acclimated to PARADISE TOWNSHIP and it is exactly what it has been for me. Thank you for giving me such a warm welcome to your community.

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 has spent a GREAT deal of time on drafting a new Zoning Ordinance and it should be ready for public inspection and

comments in January or February of 2007.  
Marvin D. Radtke, Jr.



**Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!**

### Please Note:

The township hall offices will be closed during the week of January 23rd-26th for training. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, January 30th. Tax payments can be left in the drop box to the right of the door or mailed. Thank you.

- **Township Board & Staff**
- Marie Dean—Supervisor
- Jessi Sedlacek—Treasurer
- Judith Smith—Clerk
- Mitch Sedlacek—Trustee
- Robert Whims—Trustee
- Dawn Plude—Assessor
- Marvin D. Radtke, Jr.—Zoning Administrator/Planner
- Cheri Tuller—Office Manager

**OFFICE HOURS  
TUESDAY—FRIDAY**

**8:30 A.M.—5:00 P.M.  
CLOSED NOON-1:00  
FOR LUNCH**

**TOWNSHIP BOARD  
AVAILABLE BY  
APPOINTMENT**

## New Township Trustee

Robert Whims was appointed the new Paradise Township Board trustee in September, replacing John Roop. Robert is an attorney at Smith & Johnson, Attorneys, P.C. in Traverse City. Robert will fulfill the position for the next

two years. Please help us welcome our newest board member.



## Kingsley Library Update

Six years ago the Kingsley Friends of the Library set a goal to build a new library for the Kingsley area without a millage. Over \$605,000 has been raised towards the \$708,000 project cost. In June, the Village, who dedicated the property adjacent to Brownson Park for the library, demolished the old DPW building and began preparing the site. Our timeline calls for groundbreaking in the summer of 2007, with construction to begin in the spring of 2008. This group deserves kudos for their accomplishment!!!

Road construction didn't slow down our readers. We remained busy all summer. Thank you to everyone for being a hearty group of readers!

Summer Reading Club had an enthusiastic group of 220 children. Each story time saw an attendance of 85 to 110 participants. Thanks to the Friends of

the Traverse Area District Library for donating \$600 a year for programming. We were able to enjoy some very creative and educational entertainment. Also thanks to Paradise Township for allowing us to use the meeting room for our Summer Reading Club story times to accommodate the large group. What a beautiful new facility!

For the first time, the Kingsley Branch Library had a Young Adult Summer Reading Club. What a huge success! 91 teens registered, 63 completed the 5-week program, over 35,000 pages were read, and 31 pre-teen and teens attended the final party at A. Papanos Pizza! This program is here to stay. These patrons also know what Ductigami is; do you?

Did you know...Kingsley Branch Library has: **Wireless Internet**—Bring in your laptop and connect to the worldwide web.

**Interlibrary Loans (Ili's)** - We count on the libraries county wide to help fulfill reading requests. Our space and budget is limited, so please don't hesitate to ask for any item and we will try to get it for you. There is no charge for Ili's within the district.

**Digital Camera Disc Reader**—For the digital camera savvy, we have a disc reader available upon request.

**Kingsley Branch Library will celebrate our annual Holiday Open House, Thursday, December 7, 2006 1-6 p.m.**

**Please join us for refreshments, crafting and a wonderful time. Santa Claus will be here from 3:00—6:00 p.m. to visit with our little patrons!**

### Battalion 2 Auxiliary

Thank you! To everyone for your support of our Pork Roast Dinner held on Saturday, November 4th. Watch for the 2007 date! It's an event you won't want to miss. Our next event is the Christmas Bake sale to be held on Saturday, December 16th from 9 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Northland Food Store located on M-113. Looking for a Christmas gift?

**Bake Sale—Saturday,  
December 16th at  
Northland Food Store  
from 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m**

The 911 signs are a perfect way to tell someone you care. And only \$15!! Contact Tracey Sedlacek for more information at 263-7481 or stop by and see us at the bake sale. We want to extend an open invitation to the community to anyone interested in joining the Auxiliary. Come to one of our meetings and see what we are all about. Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month at the fire department. Hope

to see some new faces there!! The December meeting will be held on December 12th at 7 p.m.

Donna Hollister, President

### From Battalion 2 Chief

Winter is here so get ready for a safe and healthy season. Check your furnaces, keep air filters clean, check chimneys for cracks and flaws, keep chimneys clean. Make sure there are fresh batteries in flashlights, smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors, and test regularly. Slow down in inclement weather and please yield to emergency vehicles. Be prepared for power failures and try to keep a supply of bottled water and food on hand.

For more information visit [www.paradisetwp.org](http://www.paradisetwp.org)

Ron Hollister, Chief



**Don't forget—Check your smoke detectors**



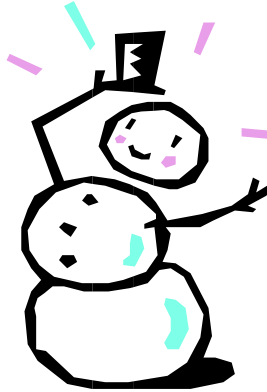
## From the desk of the Clerk

Election day went very well for Paradise Township. We are quite pleased with the amount of voters this year, especially new voters. 1,536 people turned out to vote this year at the General Election.

Good help is always needed and I am looking for more election workers. If you are interested in working with a great bunch of coworkers, please contact me at the township hall at 263-5251.

Moving or changing to a post office box or street address? Please contact our offices so that we can make appropriate changes to our records.

If you are renewing your drivers license, it is not necessary to fill out paperwork for a new voter registration card. Voters remain on the active file unless the county or township are notified of a voter moving to a different township, etc. or deceased.



**HELP WANTED—ELECTION WORKERS NEEDED!**

Not sure if you are registered to vote? Just call the office and we will be happy to look up your paperwork.

Are you turning 18? You can register to vote in our office or at the county clerks office. We are always happy to assist new voters.

Judith Smith, Clerk

## From the desk of the Treasurer

All winter tax bills will be sent out the last week of November through the first week of December.

**If you do not receive a tax bill by December 10th, please contact our office so that we can**

**ensure that we have your correct billing address.** My tax collection hours are as follows: Tuesdays 10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m., Thursdays 1:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m..

### Treasurer's Hours

Tuesdays 10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Thursdays 1:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

Saturdays 9:00 a.m.—noon

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My deputy is available to receive your taxes during regular office hours. We have a drop box to the right of our office doors for your convenience for payments before or after

office hours. This is for **township tax bills only**, not village tax payments or sewer and water bills—those continue to be paid at the village office. **All re-**

**ceipt requests must be accompanied with a self-addressed stamped envelope. You will be given a stamped receipt if you bring your tax bill in with your payment in person. Please be advised we are not set up to accept credit card payments, only checks, money orders or cash. Checks or money orders are preferred.**

Jessi Sedlacek, Treasurer

## Township Activities—from the desk of the Supervisor

Paradise Township took over the recycling center from the Village and we are quite pleased with the amount of recyclers we have. We hope the new location works well for everyone.

The township recently prepared the site next to the cell tower and recycling area. This future site may possibly serve as a fire barn/emergency services building. We are currently in the process of doing a feasibility study on the old fire barn to see

if it can be updated at a reasonable cost.

After many years the state has lifted the deed restrictions on the 75 acres of township property. This enables us to utilize the property in many different ways.

Marie Dean, Supervisor



**We're on the web!**

### TOWNSHIP WEB SITE

Paradise Township has a new web site. You can find out the history of Paradise Township, meeting minutes, offices hours and links to other townships and Grand Traverse County. Find us at:

**[www.Paradisetwp.org](http://www.Paradisetwp.org)**