

# Paradise Township Newsletter

## Township Board & Staff

- Marie Dean, Supervisor
- Lisa Gulliver, Clerk
- Bill King, Treasurer
- Rob Whims, Trustee
- Tim Trudell, Trustee
- Dawn Plude, Assessor
- Marvin Radtke Jr., Zoning Administrator/  
Planner
- Cheri Tuller, Office Admin.

2300 E. M-113, Kingsley, MI 49649

## **ZONING/PLANNING UPDATE BY MARVIN D. RADTKE, JR., M.C.P./ZONING/PLANNING ADMIN.**

Hello, I would like to thank all of those that have stopped by the office or called to discuss your concerns with what is or is not happening in our Township of Paradise. Yes, it is a difficult task in balancing the rural character and great schools that many of you moved here for with balancing the environment and agricultural activities that has made Paradise Township such a desirable community. The Planning Commission asks for your input in mapping out the future of this great community.

Please attend our meetings that are typically held on the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. or send us an email at zoningplanning@paradisewp.org or U.S. mail at 2300 E. M-113, Kingsley, MI 49649. As with other townships, land use permits were down nearly 30%,

however there were more inquiries as to home occupations.

Please join us at the Planning Commission and Township Board meetings and watch our elected officials and their appointed boards in action. Your input is always welcomed. I do hope you enjoy your winter and please be safe.

**FIRE/EMS STATION UPDATE:**  
The new Fire and EMS building is up and mostly weathered in.

The move in date for these valuable services is January 10, 2009.



**Township Office Hours are:  
Closed Mondays  
Open Tuesday—Friday  
8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.  
Closed Noon—1:00 p.m. for lunch**

If you would like to check the progress of our Fire/EMS building, you can see the pictures on our web site at [www.paradisewp.org](http://www.paradisewp.org)

## MEETING DATES

**TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETS 2ND WED. EVERY MONTH AT 7 P.M.**

**TOWNSHIP BOARD WORK MEETINGS OR SPECIAL MEETINGS FIRST WED. EVERY MONTH OR AS NEEDED AT 7 P.M.**

**PLANNING COMMISSION MEETS FIRST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 7 P.M.**

**BOARD OF REVIEW MEETS IN MARCH, JULY AND DECEMBER CHECK POSTING ON BULLETIN BOARD FOR DATE & TIME**

**MAYFIELD POND-PARK MEETS THE LAST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH FROM APRIL-OCT. AT 7 P.M. OR AS NEEDED**

## **ELECTION RESULTS BY LISA GULLIVER**

Paradise Township had the highest amount of voters this November, with 2,220 voters!

If you are 18 years of age and would like to register to vote, stop by our offices and we'll get you registered. *My office hours are Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.*

## **TAX COLLECTION BY BILL KING**

*My office hours are Tuesdays and Wednesday from 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m. for tax collection.*

The Deputy Treasurer, Cheri Tuller, will be available Tuesday—Friday from 8:00 a.m.—noon and 1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

**The drop box to the right of the township doors are available for your convenience to**

**leave your tax payments in.**

**If you would like a receipt, please send a self addressed stamped envelope with your payment. Thank you.**

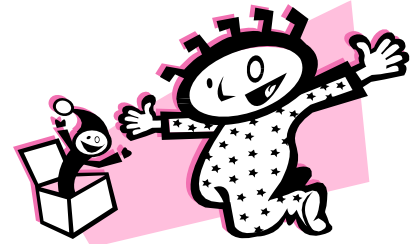
**We are currently not set up to take credit card payments.**

I would like to thank the resi-

## FROM THE DESK OF ROBERT WHIMS, TRUSTEE

First, let's welcome the three new township board members. We are all looking forward to working together for the benefit of our township and its residents. The best way for this to happen is for our township residents to GET INVOLVED in our governing process. Please attend the meetings, provide input as you deem appropriate, ask questions and stay involved. As most of you know, the township zoning ordinance was finally passed this summer. That process was a wonderful demonstration of democracy at its finest. The ordinance started out radically at odds with what most residents

desired. You showed up at the meetings, you spoke, you questioned, you stayed involved and, thankfully, your wishes were implemented. The Master Plan is going to be revised this year. The Plan is critically important to the future development of our township and you can have great impact on this document as well. Attend the meetings, speak, question, stay involved. Remember, we work for you. Let us know what we can do to serve you better.



*Check our bulletin board outside the township hall for any changes or cancellations to meetings and the latest community happenings.*

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## FROM THE DESK OF TIM TRUDELL, TRUSTEE

dents of Paradise Township for their support in the primary and general elections. I would also like to thank Anita Prah and Mary Halladay for their outstanding work in organizing the "Meet the Candidates" day in record time. Also, our community is fortunate to have such hard working and dedicated election workers who put in long hours for which we all should be thankful for. The previous Township Board, Planning Commission

and community members worked long and hard to assemble the new zoning ordinance, so please visit the Paradise Township web site or contact Marv or Cheri at the office to get yourself familiarized with the new and adjusted ordinances. Now that the zoning has been taken care of, the new board and planning commission have the task to assemble the townships master plan.

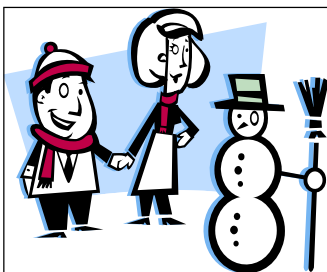
this process, go to the Planning Commission or Township Board meetings and make your voice heard.

Winter is now upon us, so please let us all watch out for our family, friends and neighbors and lend a hand if needed. I am looking forward to serving our community and its residents for the next four years.

Please, if you have any ideas to help in

Thank you for the opportunity to serve

### THE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU IS NOW HIRING



*Come join us at our township meetings and participate in your townships future.*

The U.S. Census Bureau is opening a new office in your area and will begin operations for conducting the 2010 Census. This is an exciting opportunity to enhance your job skills, further your career and improve your community!

Call Toll-Free at:

1-866-861-2010

TTY Callers: Please use the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339

or go to:

[www.census.gov/detroit](http://www.census.gov/detroit) for more information on how to apply.

A Short-Term Job—With Long-Term Results

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The U.S. Census Bureau is an Equal Opportunity Employer

## FROM OUR OUTGOING TREASURER, JESSI SEDLACEK

the residents and taxpayers of Paradise Township as your Treasurer for the past six years; it was a pleasure working for you. Thank you to the new Treasurer Bill King for coming in and working with me during the past few months to get familiar with the tax collection process—it has been fun working with you, and I wish you luck and enjoyment in your new position. I especially want to thank the employees Marvin, Cheri, and Dawn (although a subcontractor not an employee!) for all of their hard work and dedication in service to Paradise Township. Residents of the township should look

forward to working with new faces during the updating of the Master Plan—the ‘face of the community’ so to speak. It is your township and your community, and your input and direction are critical. The Emergency Services Building is on track, although slightly over budget, and should be completed on schedule. It looks great! Although the compactor station has yet to become a reality after nearly seven years, I look forward to seeing that project completed in the near future. Good luck to the new faces on the township board, and enjoy your opportunity to work with the township residents.



*Merry Christmas & Happy New Year*

## COUNTY AWARDS RECEIVED

### COUNTY AWARDS BANQUET RECIPIENTS

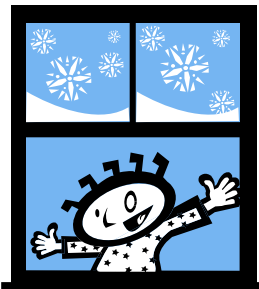
The following people received awards from county planning at the awards banquet held on November 6th. They are as follows:

Outgoing township board members:  
Jessi Sedlacek—received the Distinguished Service Award for over 15 years of service to the township, serving in vari-

ous capacities throughout the years, mostly recently as Treasurer.  
Mitch Sedlacek—received the Certificate of Appreciation for his 6 years as Trustee.  
Judith Smith—received the Certificate of Appreciation for her 6 years as Clerk.  
Former Planning Commissioners Rob Bach, Cheri Tuller, Gene Wadford and Carol Inman received the Certificate of Appreciation award for their years of

service to the planning commission. Marvin Radtke, Jr. received a Distinguished Service Award for his hard work on the newly adopted zoning ordinance.

*If you are interested in being on a committee, we are always happy to take applications and keep them on file for future appointments.*



*Please drive with caution this winter. The Road Commission will not be salting and sanding as much as in the past, so please take your time to get to your destination.*

## TOWNSHIP UPDATE BY MARIE DEAN, SUPERVISOR

### NEW TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

New township board members were voted in this election year. Our new clerk is Lisa Gulliver, our new treasurer is Bill King and our new trustee is Tim Trudell. Please join us in welcoming our new board members. We hope to see you at our township board meetings.

SUMMIT CITY GRANGE  
The grange is available to rent

for receptions, parties, etc. Please contact Marie Dean for availability at 263-5802. Summit City Grange Hall dances are the **4th Saturday** of each month with the *exception* of their December dance which is the 2nd Saturday from 7 to 10 p.m. A typical dance will include about 8 square dances spread through the night in 2 dance sets. Many Waltzes, Two Steps, Polkas and occasional Shoddish will be played. Latin and Tango dances are also sometimes seen

seen on the floor.  
COMPACTOR STATION  
The compactor station has been delayed due to our priorities changing to the Fire/EMS Station. We hope to budget for a compactor station in the future.



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**Paradise Township—Looking Towards the Future**

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**WE'RE ON THE WEB!  
YOU CAN FIND US AT  
[WWW.PARADISETWP.ORG](http://WWW.PARADISETWP.ORG)**

## **PARADISE TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION**

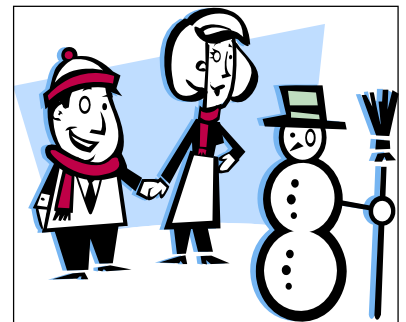
The Parks & Recreation Committee has been working on their five year Master Plan. They will be holding their Public Hearing on December 18th. The committee has an information board in the township hall with a community input questionnaire. The following questions are being asked for your input:

- 1) Were you aware of the number of park/recreational facilities within Paradise Township?
- 2) Which of the area park/recreational facilities within Paradise Township do you utilize?
- 3) What do you like about:
  - A) The Mayfield Pond Township Park ?
  - B) Trails within township and
  - C) Overall recreational opportunities within the township?

4) What would you change or add?

5) How and/or should vacant Township land be utilized?

The committee is diligently working to create more trails for your recreational enjoyment. If you have a few minutes, please stop by the township hall and fill out a questionnaire by December 10th. We would love to hear from you!!!



*Help us plan our townships recreational facilities*