



Paradise Township  
*Looking Towards the Future*

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**ALL MEETINGS ARE  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.**

**TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS  
ARE HELD AT 6:00 P.M. UNLESS  
OTHERWISE POSTED. ALL OTHER  
COMMITTEE MEETINGS ARE HELD  
AT 7:00 P.M. UNLESS OTHERWISE  
POSTED. SPECIAL MEETINGS ARE  
POSTED ON THE BOARD 18  
HOURS BEFORE THE MEETING,  
PER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT.**

## Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday  
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## Contact Information

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[www.paradisetwp.org](http://www.paradisetwp.org)

And we are also on Facebook!

# Winter Newsletter

## December 2010

### CURBSIDE RECYCLING EXPANDED TO ALL OF GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2011

Grand Traverse County Resource Recovery Department (RecycleSmart) announced that effective January 1, 2011 all of Grand Traverse County will be designated as within the curbside recycling district. This will provide all single family housing units (up to fourplex in size) the opportunity to set their recyclables out at the driveway for pick up. Residents can contact their hauler to request a recycle bin. Residents may use the recycle bin provided by the hauler or provide their own container that's clearly marked for

recycling. The cost of recycling will be determined by the hauler. There is no limit on the amount of recyclables that can be placed at the curb. Recycle bins will be serviced weekly on the same day as trash service.

#### DROP OFF RECYCLING SITES

Also effective January 1, 2011 County funded drop-off recycling sites will be removed. Removal of the drop-off recycling sites coincides with the decision to make Grand Traverse County all within the curbside recycling district. These sites cost the

county \$333,000 and represents nearly half of the Resource Recovery department budget.

During this transition period Grand Traverse County residents can continue to utilize the drop-off recycling station located at the Public Service Building, 2650 LaFranier Road until July 1, 2011. American Waste has donated the cost of this drop-off recycling site.



### SEPTAGE TREATMENT FEES

Grand Traverse County will be raising their septage treatment fees effective January 1, 2011. The changes are as follows:

Current Fees	2011 Fees
Septage Charge: \$.12/gallon	Septage Charge: \$.14/gallon
Holding Tanks: \$.04/gallon	Holding Tanks: \$.05/gallon
Grease Trap Waste: \$.12/gallon	Grease Trap Waste: \$.18/gallon

### SPRING CLEAN UP CANCELLED

Paradise Township will no longer have a Clean Up Day in the spring. Instead, Clean Up Day will be held in the fall.

Township participation at the last Clean Up Day was lower than it has been in previous years. The decision was made to move the Clean Up Day to the fall in the hopes that it would be a more convenient time of year for residents to participate. Many residents use the summertime to do renovations and make improvements on their property. By offering the Clean Up Day in the fall, it will allow residents to get rid of any unwanted items left over from work done over the summer. The date for the FALL CLEAN UP will be announced in our Summer Newsletter.

## MAYFIELD POND PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Mayfield Pond Park will be receiving some extra attention this upcoming year. Many changes have already taken place!

The play equipment (located on the pond side) has been removed. We hope to replace it in the spring with safe, kid friendly play equipment. This is dependent on securing funding from grants and donations. Please contact the Township Office if you are interested in making a donation towards the children's play equipment. Mayfield Pond is also in need of dredging. We are currently in the process of obtaining the necessary permits and bids to accomplish this in the spring.

Paradise Township and the Village of Kingsley developed a Trail Plan to construct a trail from Kingsley to Mayfield Pond Park. We are currently involved in choosing the proper trail location. Our goal for 2011 will be to choose the route, acquire property, and secure funding through the DNRE Trust Fund. Please contact Paradise Township if you have any questions and/or suggestions related to the Park or the pending trail.

Mayfield Pond Park's open season runs from May through October. The Park has become a popular place for reunions, graduation parties and weddings. Please contact Paradise Township for information about renting the Mayfield Pond Park Pavilion.

We would like to thank all the volunteers who have helped out at the Park. We truly appreciate your dedication! We can always use more volunteers! Please contact us if you are interested in helping out with the Mayfield Pond Park Spring Clean Up. Have a safe winter!

## IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION

### WHEN ARE TAXES DUE?

Summer taxes are due by September 14th, without interest.

Winter taxes are due by February 14th, without interest.

On September 15th, 1% interest will be added to the unpaid portion of your Summer Tax Bill. After that, an additional 1% per month will be added on the first of each month to the unpaid balance. After February 15th a 3% penalty will be added.

On February 15th, a 3% penalty will be added to the unpaid balance of your Winter Tax Bill.

Beginning March 1st, all taxes on REAL property will be paid to the Grand Traverse County Treasurer, located at 400 Boardman Ave. The County charges a 4% administration fee and 1% interest per month to delinquent taxes.

### WHERE CAN I PAY MY TAXES?

You can pay your taxes in person at the Treasurer's Office located at the Township Hall or you can mail your payment to Paradise Township, 2300 E. M-113, Kingsley, 49649. If you would like to pay them after business hours, you may put them in the drop box that is located by the front door of the Township Hall.

### WHAT IF I DID NOT RECEIVE A TAX BILL?

If you did not receive your tax bill, please call the Treasurer's office immediately and we will send it to you.

Please have your mortgage company contact the Treasurer's Office anytime there is a change in your mortgage provider so we can ensure that your tax bill is forwarded correctly.

**\*\*Failure to receive your tax bill does not waive interest\*\***

## EVERGREEN CEMETERY

As of June 2010 Paradise Township assumed responsibility and care of Evergreen Cemetery. Please contact the Township Office for burial information, stone placement, purchase information or general questions regarding Evergreen Cemetery.

If you currently own a plot or gravesite in Evergreen Cemetery and you wish to transfer ownership to someone else please notify the Township so that we can update your information. Thank you!

Marvin Radtke, Jr.  
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## KINGSLEY LIBRARY

The Kingsley Branch has extended their service hours. They will now be open on Monday and on two evenings until 7:00 p.m.

The new hours are as follows:

Monday	10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Thursday	10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Friday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Sunday	CLOSED



For information about upcoming events visit their website at:  
<http://www.tadl.org/kingsley>