

# **2017 BENTON TOWNSHIP SUMMER NEWSLETTER**

**Benton Township  
5012 Orchard Beach Road  
Cheboygan, MI 49721  
231-625-9176**

The following services are available to you because of the township millage collected on your winter tax bills and State revenue sharing received annually.

**TOWNSHIP OFFICE HOURS:** The township secretaries, Carol Neuman, Deb Berden or Mary Ellen Enos are in the office on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to answer any questions and provide information regarding township matters.

**Transfer Station:** Summer hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.. Tickets cost \$10 for 10 30 gal. bags or some larger items. You can purchase a ticket(s) at the office during office hours or at the Alverno Grocery Store.

**Recycling:** The township's two sites are located on Orchard Beach Road behind the township park and one on US 23 at the Alverno fire station site. Your recycle items are collected at no additional charge to you. Acceptable items for recycling are plastic, cardboard, paper (newspaper, magazines), tin, glass and household batteries. Please read the information at the sites for additional items collected and items NOT acceptable.

**Community Center:** is available to only Benton Township taxpayers to rent for parties of 125 people or less. You must contact the Clerk for availability and lease agreements. The township also lets out tables and chairs at no charge to you for your backyard parties, garage sales, etc. Again, you must contact the Clerk for availability.

**Township Park:** The park is open to the public 24/7. You will find basketball, tennis and volleyball courts along with 2 pickle ball courts; playground equipment including swings and slides; a covered pavilion with tables and electricity; a 3/4 mile walking path around the back side of the park. There are 2 drinking fountains and men/women bathrooms.

**Fire Department:** The fire department is located on the corner of North Black River Road and Orchard Beach Road. Gary Williams is currently the Fire Chief. Please call 911 for fire emergencies.

**Township meetings:** are held on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. If that day is a holiday, the meeting will be held the following Tuesday.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**Tax bills:** Your summer tax bill is enclosed. You are the only one that will receive this bill. Financial institutions with escrow accounts will receive the amounts upon request. If your property's SEV is 17,900 or less this is the only bill you will receive this year. Your bills have been combined to save mailing and printing expenses because the amount to be collected would be \$100 or less of which the township does not receive enough of to cover the cost of creating and mailing a winter tax bill.

**Voting:** Any new comers to the township should be advised that they can register to vote with the township clerk or at the Secretary of State's office. Voting is held at the community center or you can obtain an absentee ballot from the township Clerk.

**Township Website:** Visit our website to get additional township information, forms, pay your tax bill on line, land division information, minutes from monthly meetings, dates and time of meetings as well as township board contact information.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the township, please feel free to contact the following township elected officials:

**TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS**

Andrew Archambo, Supervisor

Jayne Passeno, Clerk

Ann M. Couture, Treasurer

Michael Charboneau, Trustee

Charles Beckwith, Trustee

**OTHER ELECTED TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS**

Michael Newman, County Commissioner

Timothy Fenlon, Constable

**APPOINTMENTS BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD**

Clayton McGovern, Assessor

Doug Felmlee, Head of Lawn and Park Maintenance

Keith Fenlon, Community Center cleaning

Marv Smith, Transfer Station Attendant

Carol Neuman, Deb Berden & MaryEllen Enos, Secretaries

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